

MEETING: Joint Audit Panel
DATE OF MEETING: 01/08/2023
CHAIR OF MEETING: Peter Morris, Joint Audit Panel Chair

ITEMS APPROVED

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in April 2023 were approved as a true record of the meeting.

ASSURANCE RECEIVED

The following items were presented for the panel's assurance

Current GMP Issue - The Deputy Mayor Kate Green attended and was introduced to the new Chief Resources Officer Lee Rawlinson who was attending his first meeting. CRO Rawlinson talked about his first impressions of the GMP and described his desire for a long-term sustainability strategy.

Chief Constables Draft Statement of Accounts – No issues to escalate.

Budget Update – The Panel heard about the improvements in financial grip within GMP following the recovery plan enacted in 2022/23 and the oversight process through the monthly Deputy Mayor's Executive meeting.

Annual Report of the work of the Joint Audit Panel – The Panel received the report, it will be presented to the GMCA Audit Committee at their November meeting by the Panel Chair.

External Audit Progress Report – The Panel received an update from Mazars on the work to complete the 2021/22 audit and planning for the 2022/23 audit. There remain a number of frustrations with the slow progress of audit work, caused mainly through national issues.

Head of Internal Audit Opinion – The Head of Internal Audit reported a "Reasonable" level of assurance for 2022/23. The Panel welcomed this improvement and recognised the changes in the past 12 months and the expectations for the future.

Internal Audit Progress Report – No issues to escalate however the upcoming audit on overtime was agreed as an important piece of work for the force.

ITEMS CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE**Action Tracker Updates**

The panel received an update on the action tracker and note performance at 62%

RISKS IDENTIFIED**RISK**

Other than the risks identified on the risk register there were no additional risks identified at this stage

MITIGATING ACTION**ITEMS FOR ESCALATION TO THE GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- No specific areas identified for escalation, the Panel Chair's report will be presented to the GMCA Audit Committee by the chair in November

Peter Morris

Chair of Greater Manchester Joint Audit Panel (Police and Crime)