



ORIGINATOR: PCC CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

DECISION NUMBER: 25 - 2020

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE – HUGH MAY

SUMMARY:

1. This paper provides for a decision to be made upon the appointment of an additional member to the joint Audit Committee of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Chief Constable (CC).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the PCC appoints Hugh May to the Audit Committee until 31 December 2023 (in line with the other members of the Committee), on terms set out in the report.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

Signature

Date 09.11.20

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DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1.1 On 24 October 2013 the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) approved the appointment of Ian Blofield, Robert Millea, Andrew Peck and David Rowe to the PCC's and Chief Constable's (CC) Audit Committee for four-year periods (Decision No C20 - 2013).
- 1.2 The appointments expired on 31 December 2017.
- 1.3 The PCC and CC wished to extend the periods of appointment in view of their satisfaction with how the business of the Committee has been conducted. Accordingly, they agreed to extend the terms of appointment by two years so that they expired on 31 December 2019 (Decision Number 17-2017).
- 1.4 In March 2020 Ian Blofield, Robert Millea, Andrew Peck and David Rowe were re-appointed for a further four-year period (Decision Number 11-2020) which was backdated to 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2023.
- 1.5 A further application to the Audit Committee was received in October 2019 from Hugh May but due to an administrative error that application was not progressed. Because of the Covid 19 restrictions no further arrangements for an interview were made at that time. On Wednesday 9 September 2020 Hugh May was interviewed by the Chief Executive, PCC Chief Finance Officer and CC CFO. It was agreed by the interview panel that the appointment would provide additional resilience and expertise.
- 1.6 It is recommended that Hugh May be appointed to the Audit Committee until 31 December 2023 (in line with the other members of the Committee), on the same terms as the existing four committee members. Members receive an allowance of £250 per meeting to include attendance, preparation and travel time. They also received all reasonable travel (at the HMRC approved rate, currently 45p per mile) and other expenses as necessary to discharge their role. There are usually 3-4 meetings per year.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 2.1 The financial consequences of the payment of allowance and expenses to an additional Audit Committee member is estimated at £1,000, with these costs being met from within the PCC corporate budget.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

- 3.1 There are no other implications associated with the recommendations.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Not applicable
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes- as author of the report
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Not applicable
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	Not applicable

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER

Head of Commissioning and Governance (On behalf of the Chief Executive)

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date 9.11.2020