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ORIGINATOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DECISION NUMBER: 17-2017

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE

SUMMARY:

1. This Decision Paper provides for a decision to be made upon the re-appointment of the four members of the Audit Committee for a further two year term when their current terms of appointment expire later this year.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner re-appoints the four members of the Audit Committee on the terms set out in this Decision Paper

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

Signature

Tina Ramone

Date *5th June*
2017

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 Blofeld, Robert Millea, Andrew Peck and David Rowe to the PCC'S and Chief Constable's Audit Committee for four year periods (Decision No C20 - 2013).
- 1.2 The appointments expire in December 2017.
- 1.3 The PCC and Chief Constable wish to extend the periods of appointment in view of their satisfaction with how the business of the Committee has been conducted. Accordingly they have agreed to extend the terms of appointment by two years so that they will then expire on 31 December 2019. A two year period has been selected in view of potential changes occurring in the policing world. It is possible following the introduction of the Policing and Crime Act 2017 that police and fire may integrate in Suffolk. If pursued this will bring a number of corporate governance challenges and which undoubtedly would broaden the scope of the Audit Committee's remit. In two years time the position upon the ambit of the Audit Committee will be far clearer and a recruitment exercise at that time is considered to be more appropriate.
- 1.4 All four members of the Audit Committee have agreed to be re-appointed for a further two year term with effect from December 2017.
- 1.5 The vetting clearances for all four Audit Committee members remain valid and will be current at the date the new term of appointment commences.
- 1.6 The Chief Finance Officer has sought procurement advice to ensure that there are no procurement obstacles to making the re-appointments. No difficulties have been identified.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 2.1 The existing arrangements for payment of the Audit Committee members and the number of meetings per year will continue. Currently all members receive an allowance of £211.50 per meeting to include attendance, preparation and travel time. In addition, members are reimbursed 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.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

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

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
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?	Not considered necessary
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	Yes

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

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 (add decision-maker's title e.g. the PCC).

Signature: 

Date 5 June 2017

