



**ORIGINATOR: PCC CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

**PAPER NO. AC 13/2**

**SUBMITTED TO:           AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT:                   AUDIT PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2013**

**SUMMARY:**

1. The Audit Plan has been prepared by the PCC and CC's recently appointed external auditors Ernst and Young, and it sets out how they intend to carry out their responsibilities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. The Audit Committee is asked to consider the Audit Plan for the year ending 31 March 2013.

## DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

### 1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1.1 Two of the core functions of the Audit Committee set out in the previous paper (AC 13/1) are to:
- Consider the reports of external audit and inspection agencies; and
  - Review the financial statements, external auditor's opinion and reports to members, and monitor management action in response to the issues raised by External Audit.
- 1.2 The attached report summarises the external auditor's assessment of the key risks which drive the development of an effective audit for both the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, and outline their planned audit strategy in response to those risks.

### 2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 2.1 Details of the planned external audit fees in relation to the financial year ending 31 March 2013 are included as Appendix A in the attached report, with the fee of £67,000 for 2012/13 representing a reduction of £10,740 from the previous year's equivalent fee of £77,740.

### 3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

- 3.1 None

| <b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>  | <b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b> |
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| Has legal advice been sought on this submission?   | Not applicable                    |
| 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?                                | Not applicable                    |
| Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?                               | Not considered necessary          |
| In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission? | Yes                               |