



Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner

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PCC CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER:

DECISION NUMBER: 11-2020

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE

SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the PCC re-appoints Ian Blofield, Robert Millea, Andrew Peck and David Rowe for a four-year term, backdated to 1 January 2020, on terms set out in the report.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

Signature

Tina Rammere

Date

*16th March
2020.*

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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 advance of 31 December 2019, an advertisement was posted on the PCC, CC, and Suffolk Jobs Direct websites in October 2019, which resulted in six applications being received, of which four applicants were shortlisted and interviewed, and one applicant was successful (David Rowe), leaving three Audit Committee member posts vacant.
- 1.5 The existing arrangements for payment of the Audit Committee members and the number of meetings per year continued to 31 December 2019, with all members receiving an allowance of £211.50 per meeting to include attendance, preparation and travel time. In addition, members were 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 (Decision Number 17-2017).
- 1.6 Following recent conversations between the PCC, Chief Executive, PCC Chief Finance Officer and CC CFO regarding options for appointing to the three vacant posts, it was agreed that Ian Blofield, Robert Millea and Andrew Peck would be contacted to see if they would wish to serve a further term of up to four years, backdated to 1 January 2020.
- 1.7 Each person responded with a wish to serve for a further term of four years.
- 1.8 It is recommended that the allowance is increased from £211.50 to £250.00 per meeting, with reimbursement for reasonable travel remaining at the HMRC rate of 45 pence per mile.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 2.1 The financial consequences of the payment of allowance and expenses to Audit Committee members are estimated at £5,000, 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

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 16 March 2020

