



Joint Independent Audit Committee

**ANNUAL REPORT
2017/18**

Chairman's Foreword

I present to you this annual report of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Chief Constable's Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) which gives an overview of the role and function of the committee and how it supports the effective discharge of business. This report covers our work during the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

Audit Committees are an essential element of good governance providing independent and effective assurance about the adequacy of governance, risk management and control frameworks, and overseeing the financial management and annual governance processes. They oversee internal audit and external audit, helping to ensure efficient and effective assurance arrangements are in place. Our Committee helps to raise the profile of the benefits and need for effective governance arrangements and contributes to enhancing public trust and confidence.

In 2017/18, the JIAC has continued to support the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in strengthening the PCC's 'holding to account' arrangements and recognises the part played by the Chief Constable and the Senior Leadership Group (SLG) in responding to this challenge.

For the year of this report the Committee has confirmed, through briefings, reports on audit findings and discussion with senior officers, that appropriate governance, risk management and strong financial controls were embedded in daily business. Where areas for improvement have been identified, processes and action plans are in place to ensure that the necessary action is taken. The action plans are being monitored by the Committee to ensure timely implementation.

As police budgets continue to come under pressure, in 2018/19 a particular focus of JIAC will be to play a proactive part in monitoring the achievement and impact of savings plans in conjunction with the Performance and Efficiency Group.

Melvyn Lunn

**Chair of the Joint Independent Audit Committee of the
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable**

Members of the Committee

The Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) currently has 5 members:

Melvyn Lunn (Chair)

A Chartered Accountant with over 40 years experience in both the public and private sector covering external audit, internal audit, and commercial management, spending 18 years as a Finance Director in clothing manufacture and retailing.

Now retired from his own accountancy practice but has a portfolio of non-executive appointments; Management Board Member/Trustee of Sheffield Mutual Friendly Society, Trustee of South Yorkshire Community Foundation, Board Member/Trustee of Barnsley Community Build, Chair of Priory Campus, Chair of Doncaster West Development Trust and Treasurer/Trustee of Silverwood Scout Camp.

Melvyn was formerly Audit Committee Chair of NHS Barnsley and NHS South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, Chair of the Berneslai Homes Audit Committee and a co-opted independent member of the Barnsley MBC Audit Committee.

Phil Parkin (Vice-Chair)

A CIPFA and CIMA accountant who worked for the Audit Commission for 27 years up to November 2011. Managed external audits at both local authorities and the NHS in and around South Yorkshire. Role as an external auditor included the audit of financial accounts, value for money and corporate governance.

Phil spent two years on a secondment, during which he researched and wrote a guide to regularity audit in the NHS (***Finger on the Financial Pulse***). Also spent time working in Poland helping the Polish Government to develop audit procedures for its local authorities.

Ian Falconer

Over 30 years of audit and accountancy experience, helping organisations in most parts of the UK's not for profit sector. For almost 20 years acted as external audit or internal audit partner to many local authorities, universities, colleges, government departments, health bodies, social landlords and grant funded bodies (latterly with Grant Thornton UK LLP). Also worked with a number of regulatory bodies, advising on professional standards for governance and audit. As a result he has practical experience of most aspects of governance, risk management and control.

Sandi Carman

Over 20 years' experience working in NHS acute, community, and commissioning organisations. Sandi's career started in Occupational Therapy in Sheffield and she has since gained a wealth of experience in operational and leadership roles across the region.

Sandi holds a Master's degree in Health Care Practice, IoD Diploma in Company Direction and has achieved the NHS Leadership Academy Award in Executive Healthcare Leadership. She is employed as Assistant Chief Executive for Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Sandi is a Director of Legacy Park Limited and a Non-Executive Director for South Yorkshire Housing Association.

Julie Gill

Seasoned executive with over 25 years strategic and operational management experience gained in a demanding and highly regulated financial services company in Sheffield as a board member, Company Secretary and senior executive. This enables her to bring a wealth of experience in governance; risk management and financial monitoring to complement the existing Joint Independent Audit Committee members.

Her other interests include working as a School Governor for Bradfield School and being a Director/Trustee and volunteer for the Cathedral Archer Project in Sheffield.

Meetings and attendance

The JIAC was established in 2013. During 2017/18 up to and including the meeting held on 20rd March 2017 the Committee has met 5 times.

Attendance has been very good demonstrating a commitment to the role and the function of independent challenge and assurance.

The table below shows the attendance of the members of the Committee during the year.

Audit Committee Member	Possible Meetings	Meetings Attended
Melvyn Lunn (Chairman)	5	5
Phil Parkin (Vice-Chairman)	5	5
Ian Falconer	5	5
Julie Gill	5	4
Sandi Carman	5	4

Total Possible Attendances	25
Total Actual Attendances	23
Percentage Attendance	92%

The Work of the Joint Independent Audit Committee during 2017/18

The JIAC's terms of reference cover the following areas (more detailed information is available at Appendix A):

- Internal Control Framework
- Corporate Risk Management
- Governance Framework
- Financial Reporting/Accounts
- Other Sources of Assurance, including any issues referred to it by the Statutory Officers of the OPCC and SYP, reports of HMICFRS, external review agencies and internal inspections and reports of the Regional Collaboration Board and any other regional boards.

Set out below are the JIAC's main areas of focus for 2017/18.

Corporate Risk Management

The JIAC has continued to consider strategic risk registers for the OPCC and Force during 2017/18 and was able to provide assurance that both organisations' strategic risk management arrangements continued to operate and that good progress continues to be made in building more effective ways to manage the strategic risks identified.

Statement of Accounts

In April 2018 the statutory deadlines for completing the annual Statement of Accounts will be brought forward. In preparation for this change the Force and the OPCC agreed to work to the new deadlines for the 2016/17 Statement of Accounts.

Following early completion of the 2016/17 Annual Accounts the JIAC was able to provide assurance that the Force and OPCC will be able to comply with the new statutory timetable. However, members were extremely disappointed that, given the excellent work done by the Force and OPCC to prepare the accounts early, KPMG had not finished its work to the same timetable and was unable to report on both accounts and give audit opinions until much later.

Annual Governance Statement

Over the last few years the JIAC had suggested a number of improvements in relation to streamlining and more closely aligning the OPCC and Force Annual Governance Statements.

This year members were happy with the content of both Annual Governance Statements and reaffirmed their appreciation of the work done on the documents.

Internal Audit

The JIAC has received regular progress reports during 2017/18 regarding Internal Audit activity. Such reports have provided detailed information

regarding the planning of and achievement of recommendations by management and the performance of the Internal Audit function itself.

During 2016/17 members had expressed concern with the continuing revisions and the slow progress being made against some long-standing recommendations and were unable to provide assurance that sufficient progress was being made against the overdue actions in the Internal Audit progress report and requested further justifications. This continued to be an area of focus during 2017/18 with some of the long term outstanding internal audit recommendations reaching their third revision date. However, members noted a significant reduction in the average time taken to action recommendations from Internal Audit on the previous year.

In July 2017, the Committee received the Internal Audit Annual Report which contained the Internal Audit Team's completed assignments throughout 2016/17, recommendations made, and the Head of Internal Audit's assurance opinion based on the work undertaken during the year. Members were not completely assured that the evidence from internal audit reports justified an adequate assurance opinion and suggested that a narrative opinion may be more appropriate.

The subsequent Head of Internal Audit's Internal Control opinions were as follows :-

PCC

In summary the results of Internal Audit work relevant to forming an internal control opinion are:

- Of the 4 completed pieces of work, 3 (75%) received a positive opinion and 1 (25%) received a negative opinion, i.e. limited;
- 70% of recommendations made were either Fundamental or Significant;
- The progress in implementing recommendations has been good;
- Half of the recommendations related to the adequacy of controls.

These are overall positive results although based on relatively limited coverage. However, work in the early part of the year reviewing and advising on the arrangements to undertake the annual governance review and the preparation of the annual governance statement, influenced other planned work later in the year. In particular the 'health check' piece of work was no longer required.

As mentioned previously, the year has again seen some exceptional workloads and priorities arising from matters largely out of the direct control of the OPCC.

The Committee should be assured that access to officers in the OPCC was good throughout the year. This has ensured Internal Audit has been aware of issues arising to be able to re-schedule work and provide support in other ways namely around the AGS process, risk management (alongside the Force), the Strategic Partnership Programme and the review and development of the OPCC's financial and HR procedures.

Force (CC)

In summary the results of Internal Audit work relevant to forming an internal control opinion are:

- Of the 11 completed pieces of work, 8 (73%) received a positive opinion, and 3 (27%) received a negative opinion, i.e. limited;
- 61% of recommendations made were either Fundamental or Significant, a slight decrease from 69% in 2015/16;
- 41% of recommendations related to the adequacy of controls, a decrease from 61% in 2015/16;
- The progress in the implementation of past recommendations was generally poor throughout the year with a significant number outstanding for extended periods and having a number of revised dates.

In addition to the work undertaken by the South Yorkshire Audit Team, a regional piece of work has been undertaken by the Humberside Internal Audit Team. This relates to the performance management arrangements for the Regional Scientific Support Unit. The review concluded with reasonable assurance (medium risk). A total of 10 recommendations have been made, 6 categorised as significant and 4 as merits attention. None of the recommendations relate specifically to South Yorkshire. The final report has been issued to ACC Forber.

Overall, the number and nature of audit findings and recommendations made during the year reflect an improved picture from 2015/16, and therefore it is appropriate to highlight this as a positive. This positive perspective has however been undermined somewhat with the general delay in the implementation of past recommendations made as covered in the section above.

As has been discussed at the Committee previously, the delay in implementation has not in my view been due to any benign neglect but rather a combination of initially optimistic dates, clearly an impact from senior management changes and workloads, the consequences of other decisions (such as the suspension of the Strategic Partnership Programme, the Peer Review undertaken and new systems being delayed). Although there are understandable and indeed acknowledged reasons for the delay in most cases, the fact remains that any prolonged postponement in implementing recommendations clearly has a bearing on the effectiveness of the underlying control framework.

The SLG has openly acknowledged that improvements are needed to ensure audit recommendations are implemented within reasonable and appropriate timescales. A new more rigorous process has been adopted to ensure the appropriate member of SLG 'signs-off' the recommendations and dates in the first instance, but then also approves any subsequent change of dates. JIAC will also invoke their ability to ask the appropriate SLG Officer to attend a JIAC meeting to provide explanations for any delay.

Contextually, it is important to acknowledge that the significant senior management changes during the year, and the implications of this, has clearly had an impact on the general ability and capacity in certain areas to maintain a fully effective control framework, whether this has been from changes in existing or new systems, project and programme work and the underlying theme of considerable and often competing workloads. In periods of change and transformation it is not unexpected that some aspects of

control, procedure and policy compliance are weakened in the pressure and need to keep operational functions working.

This situation has been accepted and acknowledged by senior management who have provided positive responses to the audits undertaken. In turn, the nature of the relationship with senior management has meant that in a number of instances Internal Audit support has been requested specifically because there is a recognition that improvements are required or to assess the extent of compliance. This reflects a continued high level of awareness amongst the SLG and other senior managers of the importance of an effective framework of controls and the desire to ensure one exists and is complied with. As such, this positive attitude, openness and commitment to improvement has been taken into account in this narrative.

Almost a third of areas audited resulted in a limited (negative) assurance opinion. Two of these areas were however in relatively narrow, confined aspects of activity (case management for a particular crime type and the management of CCTV). The other related to a serious but specific control issue identified that was corrected immediately.

Discussions with the SLG and senior managers have provided assurances that there is a commitment and focus to ensure an effective framework of controls is in place across the Force. In a period of significant change and exceptional circumstances, it is perhaps understandable that management attention has been directed to other areas over the last 12 months. The new stability within the Senior Leadership Team should provide an improved and consistent focus to matters of control, risk and governance.

In overall terms the current position in relation to the internal control environment is adequate relevant to the areas reviewed during the period. The historic problem in implementing audit recommendations has not been adequate however.

Risk Management

Internal Audit work in relation to risk management during the year has been largely advisory through attendance at OPCC and SLG meetings where risk has been discussed. Both the OPCC and SLG of the Force have reviewed their respective strategic risk management arrangements and implemented a revised format for the risk registers that has provided senior management with better information and basis for challenge and assurance.

Work specifically with the SLG during the autumn resulted in the development of a new approach to strategic risk management and a focus on governance overall. This new 'organisational infrastructure' (OI) approach is now being implemented reflecting a significant change in the culture of risk management and the general approach to governance accountabilities.

Given this development it is appropriate to comment positively on the direction now being taken that should prove beneficial to SLG and the wider Force in during the current financial year.

By attending the PCC's senior management team regularly during the year and SLG, Internal Audit has seen the positive approach taken to risk management at that senior level. The developments mentioned above will further strengthen this over the course of the year. In that regard, albeit

without undertaking any specific review work, I can provide a positive assurance opinion in relation to risk management.

Governance

In the circumstances prevailing during the year, with changes within the SLG, and the Chief Constable specifically, little Internal Audit work has been focused on the governance arrangements within and between the OPCC and Force. It is fair to say that this has been somewhat a 'moving feast' and therefore Internal Audit input has again been advisory.

Internal Audit are aware that significant work has been undertaken in the latter part of the year to review and revise the framework of governance between the PCC and CC. This has culminated in the revised 'Holding to Account' framework to which Internal Audit contributed and forms a part moving forward.

General

As well as reflecting on the work undertaken in 2016/17 it is important to highlight some of the areas of risk the OPCC and Force are likely to face and the implications on controls, risk and governance.

The biggest factors likely to place a risk on the PCC's and CC's ability to maintain an adequate and effective control, risk and governance framework are the continuing financial pressures and therefore achieving the agreed budget savings, coupled with the change/transformation programme. Both the OPCC's SMT and the Force's SLG will need to be focussed on implementing the necessary changes whilst ensuring an appropriate and effective control and governance framework – i.e. 'staying safe'.

The acknowledgement and acceptance that there is scope to improve the overall oversight and management of strategic risk and the framework of internal controls is a considerable positive. This further demonstrates the Force's openness and general appetite to change and improve key aspects of strategic governance.

The 2017/18 Internal Audit Plan aims to support the Senior Management Teams through this change programme as well as focus on particular areas of activity and responsibility identified as higher risk. Of particular focus is the adoption of the new organisational infrastructure approach mentioned above. This new approach has implications on the 2018/19 audit plan which will need to be revisited and reviewed in the light of work currently being undertaken. The Committee will receive reports on this during the year.

As mentioned above, during 2017/18 the Head of Internal Audit has been working with South Yorkshire Police on an organisational infrastructure approach. Members raised concern on the impact this may be having on the delivery of the Audit Plan. It was acknowledged that whilst the work undertaken was useful, not enough progress had been made to inform the annual governance review or to assist in the development of this year's Police and Crime Plan refresh. This will be a focus for 2018/19.

Regional Governance

In 2005, the four chief constables and the former four police authorities (those previously charged with governance of policing) in Humberside, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire, came together with a view to progressing collaboration. These arrangements are governed through the Regional Collaboration Board. In addition, a Strategic Partnership between Humberside Police and South Yorkshire Police is also now in place.

Through 2016/17 and 2017/18 the JIAC has continued to request further information on the existing regional governance arrangements including regional audit work. The Committee expressed concern at the inability to provide assurance that the regional collaborative arrangements are efficient and effective and that there are sound governance arrangements in place. This will continue to be a focus during 2018/19.

Performance of the Joint Independent Audit Committee

In accordance with good practice the Committee is currently undertaking a review of its overall performance and that of individual members.

Early indications are that the Committee continues to perform well with a clear demonstration that its members have the necessary skills, expertise and commitment to ensure the Committee is as effective as possible and contributes to the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

Terms of Reference

During 2016/17 the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) reviewed the PCC's Holding to Account Arrangements. Following consultation with members, the JIAC Terms of Reference were updated as part of this review. In 2017 a review of how the Committee discharges its functions was revisited to ensure there is alignment with its Terms of Reference. The Committee was satisfied that its Terms of Reference covered all aspects of the Holding to Account Arrangements.

Plans for the next 12 months

For 2018/19 the Committee will:

- Continue to focus on a positive, constructive approach to support the development, implementation and improvement of the governance, control and risk arrangements across the service. A particular focus will be on the organisational infrastructure approach.
- Develop Members' existing skills to help them to fulfil their responsibilities by providing or facilitating training based on annual performance reviews.
- Support the continued production of high quality and compliant statutory accounts and general good practice in financial management.
- Help to further increase awareness within the service of its governance arrangements and responsibilities.
- Continue to support the continued development and alignment of risk management.

- Play a critical role in the governance arrangements of any collaboration arrangements including regional internal audit work.
- Building better and more integrated assurance.
- Monitor the savings plans in conjunction with the Performance and Efficiency Group.

The JIAC looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the PCC and the Chief Constable in 2018/19 to further enhance governance, control and risk management arrangements.

JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is responsible for enhancing public trust and confidence in the governance of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and South Yorkshire Police (SYP). It also assists the PCC in discharging statutory responsibilities in holding the Force to account. This is achieved by:

- Advising the PCC and Chief Constable of SYP (CC) according to good governance principles.
- Providing independent assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the OPCC and SYP internal control environment and risk management framework.
- Overseeing the effectiveness of the framework in place for ensuring compliance with statutory governance requirements and securing value for money.
- Independently scrutinising financial and non-financial performance to the extent that it affects the OPCC's and SYP's exposure to risk and weakens the internal control environment.
- Overseeing the financial reporting process including the Annual Governance Statement.

Meetings

The frequency and timing of meetings will ensure that the Committee is able to fulfil its responsibilities relating to the functions specified below.

The Committee will, under normal circumstances, meet at least four times per year scheduled during the financial year to coincide with its key responsibilities and functions.

The quorum for the Committee will be three members.

Responsibilities of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee has the authority to investigate any activity within its terms of reference and the right of access to obtain all the information and explanations it considers necessary, from whatever source, to fulfil its remit.

The Audit Committee is a non executive function of the organisations.

Function	How discharged	Lead Officer(s)	Frequency	JIAC Action / Output
assessment of current risks, to advise the PCC and CC on matters to be re-considered.	horizon scanning & review of external reports (e.g. HMIC)	Director of Finance		whether changes reflect Committee's own view of changing risk profile, and advise PCC/CC accordingly on continued effectiveness of risk management process and whether any changes required to Annual IA Plan &/or other assurances need to be commissioned.
Governance Framework				
<p>To assure the PCC and CC that the process for producing the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for publication with the annual accounts (together with associated improvement action plans) is adequate and effective, such that the content of the draft AGS is accurate and soundly based, and advise on improvements to the process and/or amendments to the draft AGS as appropriate.</p> <p>To assure the PCC and CC that the policies and procedures of the OPCC and SYP have been reviewed each year and align to relevant professional standards and statutory requirements, and advise on the appropriateness and completeness of any proposed updates.</p> <p><i>NB</i> the policies and procedures to be updated annually include (but are not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • financial regulations and procedures, including contract standing orders and procedures • codes of conduct and behaviour, including anti-fraud and anti-corruption and whistleblowing arrangements • insurance arrangements • treasury management • the process for dealing with external complaints 	Via PCC's and CC's annual governance review process supported by appropriate IA reviews	OPCC Chief Executive and Solicitor DCC / Director of Finance	Annual	<p>Review the arrangements in place for the annual review of the effectiveness and compliance with the PCC's and CC's governance arrangements.</p> <p>Consider if those review arrangements have been effective and advise the PCC and CC as to any improvements in process or in the proposed outcome of the annual review.</p> <p>Consider the draft AGS and be satisfied that it has been prepared using the results of the annual review process and that it reflects the Committee's understanding of the control, risk and governance matters affecting</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> information governance (information management, information security, records management, FOI/DPA legal compliance). 				the PCC and CC.
Financial Reporting/Accounts				
<p>To review the draft Annual Statement of Accounts and to advise the PCC and CC on the continued suitability of accounting policies and major areas of judgement, e.g. provisions, and advise on changes and/ or improvements as appropriate.</p> <p>To advise the PCC and CC on their response to the external auditor's report to those charged with governance on issues arising from the audit of the accounts, focussing on any significant adjustments and material weaknesses in internal control reported by the external auditor.</p>	<p>Via briefing on preparation and content of the annual accounts.</p> <p>Via formal presentation of draft and final accounts</p>	OPCC CFO & Force DoF	Annual	<p>Consider the draft and final accounts to understand and gain assurances about the compliance with accounting standards and practices, the appropriateness of areas of judgement and estimate and their suitability as a public document.</p> <p>Obtain assurances that all matters raised by the External Auditor have been taken into account and reflected where appropriate into the final accounts.</p>
Other sources of assurance				
<p>To assure the PCC and CC that the implications for the internal control framework, risk management arrangements and governance framework of any issues referred to it by the Statutory Officers of the OPCC and SYP have been considered and to advise on improvements as appropriate.</p> <p>To assure the PCC and CC that the implications for the internal control framework, risk management arrangements and governance framework of any issues arising from the reports of HMIC, external review agencies and internal inspections have been considered and to advise on improvements as appropriate.</p>	<p>Via periodic reports from Officers or as commissioned by the Committee.</p> <p>Via regular update and specific reports regarding the outcome of HMIC (and other review agencies).</p>	<p>OPCC Chief Executive & Solicitor / CFO / DoF</p> <p>OPCC Chief Executive & Solicitor / DCC</p>	<p>As required</p> <p>Each meeting</p>	<p>Receive and consider the reports and advise the PCC and CC regarding the assurance obtained.</p> <p>Consider the implications contained in the reports and seek assurances regarding the actions taken and improvements made in the relevant aspect of the control, risk or governance</p>

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To assure the PCC and CC that the implications for the internal control framework, risk management arrangements and governance framework of any issues arising from the reports of the Regional Collaboration Board and any other regional boards have been considered and to advise on improvements as appropriate.	Via update and specific reports regarding matters arising from collaboration / regional activities.	OPCC Chief Executive & Solicitor / DCC	Each meeting	framework.
Maintaining appropriate sources of assurance				
To advise the PCC and CC on the appointment, reappointment, dismissal and remuneration of the internal auditors, external auditors and any other assurance providers the Committee considers are required to deliver assurances on the OPCC and SYP internal control framework, risk management arrangements and governance framework, and to establish that all such assurance providers adhere to relevant professional standards.	Via specific involvement in the processes necessary in the appointment, reappointment, dismissal and remuneration of the internal auditors, external auditors and any other assurance providers.	OPCC Chief Executive & Solicitor / Force DoF	As required	Provide advice and challenge to ensure rigour in the relevant process.
<u>Internal Audit</u> To consider and advise the PCC and CC on the Internal Audit Strategy and annual programme of work for the Internal Audit Service (IAS), including the Regional Audit Team.	Via relevant reports from the HoIA	HoIA	Annual and each meeting	Receive the IA Annual Strategy, Plan of Work and Quarterly progress reports and consider the effectiveness of the IA function, the basis of annual planning and the delivery of the plan throughout the year and advise the PCC / CC regarding deficiencies in the IA function.
To advise the PCC and CC on variations to the annual	Via quarterly progress reports	HoIA	Each	Consider the progress report

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<p>programme of work to be considered in response to emerging or changing strategic risks.</p> <p>To receive all reports commissioned from the IAS (assignment reports, progress reports and the Head of Internal Audit Annual Report and annual opinions on the internal control framework, risk management arrangements and governance framework of the OPCC and SYP) and management's responses to those reports, and to monitor the implementation of agreed actions.</p>	<p>Via Quarterly progress reports and specific assignment reports as requested and the HoIA Annual report</p>	<p>HoIA</p>	<p>meeting</p> <p>Each meeting / annual</p>	<p>and the delivery of the plan and advise the PCC / CC of the assurances received regarding progress and any issues emerging.</p> <p>Consider the progress report and the findings and recommendations made and advise the PCC / CC as to the assurances obtained regarding the performance of IA work and the management action taken or planned to address issues raised.</p>
<p>To oversee and give assurance to the PCC and CC on the provision of an adequate and effective IAS (including resources).</p>	<p>Via periodic and annual reports of the effectiveness of the IA function</p>	<p>HoIA</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>Consider the HoIA Annual Report and the assurances received regarding the adequacy and effectiveness of the control, risk and governance framework and review the appropriateness of any issues included in the AGS.</p>
<p><u>External Audit</u></p> <p>To consider and advise the PCC and CC on the annual</p>	<p>Via External Audit annual</p>	<p>KPMG</p>	<p>Periodic and annual</p> <p>Annual</p>	<p>Consider reports on the effectiveness of the IA function and advise the PCC / CC on the assurances provided.</p> <p>Consider the proposed plan</p>

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<p>programme of work for the external auditor.</p> <p>To receive the external auditor's Annual Governance (ISA260) Report, Annual Audit Letter and any other reports; and management's responses to those reports, and to monitor the implementation of agreed actions.</p> <p>To oversee and give assurance to the PCC and CC on the provision of an adequate and effective external audit service (including resources).</p>	<p>plan.</p> <p>Via annual and progress reports</p> <p>Via progress reports and general observation</p>	<p>KPMG</p>	<p>Each meeting and annual</p> <p>Each meeting</p>	<p>and advise the PCC / CC regarding the assurances provided.</p> <p>Consider reports and advise the PCC / CC as to the assurances provided regarding the management response and actions.</p> <p>Consider the performance and adequacy of the External Audit and advise the PCC / CC as to any concerns and the action necessary.</p>
<p>Operating Arrangements</p>				
<p>An annual review of the performance of the Audit Committee will be undertaken against best practice standards and Terms of Reference.</p>	<p>Via annual programme of individual and collective self-assessment against recommended best practice.</p>	<p>Governance Manager / Chair of JIAC</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>Undertake individual self-assessments and participate in annual performance review making a commitment to undertake any necessary training and development to ensure continuous improvement.</p> <p>Advise the PCC / CC regarding any recommendations for changes to the Committee.</p>

Terms of Office

Each member may serve a maximum of two terms of three years.

In order to avoid a situation of recruiting a whole new membership at the end of a term of office, the initial appointments have been made in the following schedule:

Member	Initial Term	End of 1st Term	End of 2nd Term
Melvyn Lunn	3 years	30/09/16	30/09/19
Philip Parkin	2 years	30/09/15	30/09/18
Ian Falconer	2 years	15/06/17	15/06/20
Julie Gill	3 years	23/03/20	23/03/23
Sandi Carman	3 years	23/03/20	23/03/23

Terms are deemed to have commenced on 1st October 2013 for the purposes of the annual review.

Members will undertake an annual performance review in May/June each year which will form the basis of determining a second three-year term.