

WEST MERCIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL 7 DECEMBER 2016

OTHER COMMITTEES AND THEIR REMIT

Recommendation

1. **The West Mercia Police and Crime Panel is recommended to consider:**
 - a) **the remit of the Trust Integrity and Ethics Committee and the Joint Audit Committee to see if there is any overlap with the Police and Crime Panel; and**
 - b) **whether it would be useful for the panel to have sight of any of the reports considered at the other committees.**

Background

2. Following the introduction of the Code of Ethics, which was developed by the College of Policing in July 2014, the Trust, Integrity and Ethics Committee was set up and first met in September 2014. An independent Audit Committee was set up by the Commissioner and Chief Constable as recommended in the Home Office Financial Management Code of Practice, issued under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The Joint Audit Committee (covering both Warwickshire and West Mercia Police areas) first met in June 2013.

The Trust, Integrity and Ethics Committee

3. The Committee is made up of 5 independent members and is a joint West Mercia and Warwickshire Committee. The Committee meets in public 3 or 4 times a year.
4. According to its Terms of Reference *'The Trust, Integrity, and Ethics (TIE) Committee exists to enhance trust and confidence in the ethical governance and actions of West Mercia Police and Warwickshire Police. Consequently it will consider issues both internal and external to the Forces to help ensure that the two Forces have clear ethical standards and aspire to, and achieve, the highest levels of integrity and standards of service delivery.'*
5. It will discharge responsibilities by:
 - Promoting the highest standards of ethical conduct
 - Providing a focus for education into ethical issues
 - Being a source of support to others
 - Ensuring compliance with organisational values
 - Identifying good practices, behaviour and demonstration of values, and opportunities for improvement.

The Joint Audit Committee

6. The Audit Committee is a Joint Committee due to the strategic alliance between the two forces; Warwickshire and West Mercia. It considers internal and external

audit reports of both of the Police and Crime Commissioners and the Chief Constables.

7. The Audit Committee usually meets four times in each financial year and is made up of six independent members.

8. Further information and the Committee Papers are available on the PCCs website at <https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/key-information/> Reports from the HMIC are also available on the PCCs website.

9. It is suggested that the panel consider whether it should take account of any information which is considered by the other Committees. It should be noted that the Chairman and Vice Chairman are meeting with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel and a joint approach could be considered.

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