

The **AUDIT COMMITTEE** met at **POLICE HEADQUARTERS, LEEK WOOTTON** on the **2nd December 2009**

Present:-

Independent Members:- Mike Edwards and Clive Parsons

County Councillor:- Bob Hicks (**Chair**)

Police Authority: - Neil Gulliver, Tony Brown and Gary Rollason

Police: - Marie Perry

In attendance:- Helen Lillington and Joan Barnett (Audit Commission)

1. Apologies

Were received from Martin Barry, Carol Fox, Richard Elkin and Oliver Winters

2. Members' Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th September 2009 and Matters Arising

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the Audit Committee's meeting held on the 14th September 2009 be approved.

There were no matters arising.

4. Use of Resources 2008/09

The Audit Commission report was considered.

Helen Lillington briefly introduced the report and stressed the significance of the Authority maintaining an overall score of 3 against a more challenging assessment process. The Authority and the Force had been able to demonstrate good outcomes across the service.

After a number of questions by Members, it was agreed to note the report.

5. Annual Audit Letter 2008/09

was noted.

6. Progress on Audit Plan 2009/10

was considered.

Garry Rollason introduced the report and commented on the proposal to move responsibility for liaising with internal audit to the Corporate Development Team.

In considering the report, it was agreed:-

- The full report on the Corporate Governance audit together with an action plan be brought to the Committee's next meeting.
- The Force produce an update on progress on all outstanding audit recommendations.
- That in the light of the change to the liaison arrangements, Dave Weston be invited to all future Committee meetings.

7. International Financial Reporting Standards

Marie Perry gave a brief update on the Standards following her presentation to the Police Authority on the 18th November.

8. Date of Next Meeting – 3rd February 2010 at 10am

9. Any Other Items

Future Agenda Items.

It was agreed that the following items should be included on the agenda for the Committee's next meeting:-

- Equal Pay – report on current position and possible future implications.
- Overtime – Report on how the system works and is managed by Directorate.

Neil Gulliver agreed to write to Keith Bristow formally requesting these reports.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm

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Chair of Committee