

The **AUDIT COMMITTEE** met at **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on the **16th JUNE 2010**

Present:-

Independent Member:- Clive Parsons

County Councillor:- Chris Davis (In the Chair) and Carol Fox

Police Authority: - Oliver Winters, Dave Clarke, Neil Gulliver, John Betts and Dave Stenning

Police: - Richard Elkin and Marie Perry

Internal Audit:- Gary Rollason

In attendance:- Steve Nicklin (Resources Governance Stream Lead) and Joan Barnett (Audit Commission)

1. Election of Chair for the Meeting

In the absence of the Chair, it was agreed that Chris Davis should be elected as Chair for the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mike Edwards, Bob Hicks, Dave Weston and David Rigg (District Auditor).

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

None.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th May 2010 and Matters Arising

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the Audit Committee's meeting held on the 5th May 2010 be approved.

There were no matters arising.

5. Audit Opinion Plan 2009-10

Before addressing the Plan, Joan Barnett referred to Minute 4 of the Committee's last meeting in which she agreed to come back with a detailed breakdown of the Commission's annual fee for 2010/11. However, following the election of the new Government, there had been significant changes to their work which in turn would have an impact on the way they operated in future. The PURE report was nearing conclusion but under new rules the Commission would not be able to score activities as in the past but instead would be required to give a value for money conclusion. She added that the District Auditor was proposing to issue an unqualified opinion for Warwickshire subject to the satisfactory receipt of the Statement of Accounts. The Authority continued to perform well and the Commission was able to identify a number of good practices.

ACTION

Joan Barnett to report back to the Committee's next meeting on any developments from the Audit Commission on future work plans for 2010/11

At present, Joan Barnett was unable to confirm the future work plans for 2010/11 but hoped to be in a position to report back to the Committee's next meeting.

She then took the Committee through the Plan, highlighted a number of key points and thanked the officers for their hard work and co-operation during all the audit work.

6. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the Committee's next meeting on the 8th September 2010 would now start at 2pm preceded by the Risk Management Workshop at 10am.

7. Any Other Items

None.

8. Exclusion of Members of the Public

Resolved:-

That the members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following agenda items on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

9. Exempt Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 5th May 2010 and matters arising

Resolved:-

That the Exempt Minutes of the Audit Committee's meeting held on 5th May 2010 be approved.

There were no matters arising.

10. Internal Audit Annual Report

After introducing comments by Gary Rollason, it was agreed to note the report.

11. Draft Statement of Accounts

were circulated at the meeting together with a further report outlining a number of amendments to the Financial Outturn Report 2009/10 and a copy of the final Outturn Report.

Marie Perry took the Committee through the Statement of Accounts and highlighted the main issues. After further comments from Dave Clarke and Marie Perry had responded to Members' questions, it was agreed that the three documents should be submitted to the Authority's 28th June 2010 meeting.

12. Draft Annual Governance Statement

After discussion, it was Resolved:-

That the Annual Governance Statement be submitted to the Police Authority's 28 June 2010 meeting for approval.

13. Follow up of Internal Audit Recommendation

Marie Perry briefly took the Committee through the various recommendations. It was agreed that all recommendations which had been completed should now be discharged.

The meeting closed at 2.25pm

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Chair of Committee