

North Yorkshire Police Record of Meeting



Meeting: Joint Independent Audit Committee
Time and Date: 15:00 – 17:30hrs, Thursday 18th April 2024
Location: Haigh Conference Room, North Yorkshire Police Headquarters and via Teams
Chair: Dr Stuart Green

Attendees:

Name	Role
Dr Stuart Green	Member & Chair
Simon Dennis	PFCC Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer
Michael Porter	PFCC Chief Finance Officer
Scott Bisset	NYP Deputy Chief Constable
Fee Willey	NYP Temporary Chief Superintendent – Force Control Room
Louise Branford–White	NYP Chief Finance Officer
Gillian Havelock	NYP Risk & Planning Manager
Louise Flight	NYP Business Continuity Risk Manager
Hollie Adams	Internal Audit (RSM)
Philip Church	Internal Audit (RSM)
Gavin Barker	Mazars Engagement Lead
Abi Medic	Mazars Engagement Officer
Shain Yapp	Personal Assistant to the Chief Officer Team
Ian McClelland	Governance Support Officer

Apologies:

Name	Role
Heather Cook	Member
Alex Judge	Member
Roman Pronyszyn	Member & Vice Chair
Lisa Stitt	NYP Assistant Chief Officer
Rebecca Baran	NYP Head of Business Design & Assurance

Items and Decisions:

No.	Discussion	Outcome / Decision
753	Attendance, Apologies and Welcome. Apologies were recorded.	
754	Declaration of Interest. None to note.	

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758	<p>HMICFRS Reports / Overview.</p> <p>Work continues with outstanding actions.</p> <p>MP noted the very welcome recent report which demonstrated significant improvements. The Chair also noted and acknowledged the huge amount of work undertaken.</p>	
759	<p>Risk Register and Business Continuity Overview.</p> <p>Improvements have been reported over the past 6 months; an Internal Audit Review is scheduled for next year.</p> <p>SB acknowledged the welcome challenge from MP which has moved this area forward. LB-W highlighted the processes being implemented for further improvements.</p> <p>The 'tolerate' gradings of strategic risks were challenged and responded to.</p>	
760	<p>Civil Claims Overview.</p> <p>MP reported that a 5-yearly external, actuarial, review which assesses insurance and legal claims took place in September 2023. The review concluded that <i>exceptional processes</i> are in place. This is a very good outcome which will be reported on at the end of FY. MP noted that there was nothing further significant to report and opened for questions.</p> <p>Both SB and SD noted MP's modesty; it was his historical embedding of a high-quality approach that had been the bedrock to this outcome.</p>	
761	<p>In Year Financial Monitoring and Medium Term Financial Plan.</p> <p>MP noted the very strong financial position NYP will be in over the next four years, providing the new Chief Constable a stable platform to progress the ambition for NYP to become an outstanding Force. Inflation rates and pay awards remain unknowns.</p> <p>The Chair challenged the assumptions made within the forward plan, the significant allocated use of reserves and the risks involved. Assurances were provided, notably that the Monitoring plan has an annual review.</p> <p>The Chair noted the robust financial plan.</p>	
762	<p>External Audit Update.</p> <p>Final sign off of FY 22/23 still requires the Pension report from Deloitte, this is expected within a month placing the Audit in a good position for sign off prior to Sept to avoid Backstop. Every effort will be made to sign off accounts prior to PFCC transfer of functions to the new Combined Authority from 7th May.</p> <p>The Mazars NY Engagement Lead is rotating out following 5 years in-role and will be replaced by James Collins. The Engagement Officer will remain in-role.</p> <p>The Chair noted his thanks to GB for his work over the years.</p>	

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763	<p>Final Accounts. MP stated that the DRAFT Final Accounts had previously been signed off. There had been updates incorporated into the accounts and overall it was a good set of accounts.</p> <p>The Chair noted his thanks to both MP and LB-W for the work carried out.</p>	
764	<p>Previous Annual Governance Statement Area or Development. The progress made against the six identified areas within the 22/23 Governance Statement was noted by the Chair.</p>	
765	<p>Forward Planner. The Chair was content that all items had been accurately noted for the future.</p>	
766	<p>Closed Items. Progress across the closed papers was noted with assurances and updates satisfactorily received.</p> <p>The overview provided by SD on devolution was welcomed.</p>	
767	<p>Date of Future Meetings. The next meeting of the JIAC will take place on 13th Jun 24 at 15.00 hrs. Meetings are further scheduled for: 19th Sept 24; 28th Nov 24; 18th Mar 25.</p>	
768	On the occasion of her final meeting, the Chair wished to note the invaluable work over an 8-year period of JIAC facilitator Shain Yapp.	

Actions Agreed:

No.	Action / Update	Owner	Date Issued	Date Closed
60	HMICFRS. The most recent HMICFRS PEEL report is to come to the next Board for sighting.	DCC	18.04.24	
61	Purchasing Process. As part of the Enable Review, this area was highlighted by NYP as requiring better systems being put in place for an end-to-end purchasing process. The Chair noted the proactive approach by NYP to request this RSM Advisory Review. LB-W is to give an update on progress at the next Meeting.	NYP CFO	18.04.24	
62	Internal Audit Plan 24/25. Committee to formally approve the Plan.	RSM	18.04.24	
63	Detective Numbers. SB will provide an update on detective recruitment paths and uplift in numbers at the next Meeting.	DCC	18.04.24	