

# North Yorkshire Police Record of Meeting



Meeting: Joint Independent Audit Committee

**Time and Date:** 15:00 – 17:30hrs, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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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754	Minutes of Previous Meeting.	
	The minutes were approved for publication.	
755	Matters Arising.	
	<b>Seized Exhibits.</b> As agreed under Minute No 750 (30.11.23), the Chair received a	
	progress updated on the actions regarding seized exhibits, bladed articles and	
	number of items of seized property held by NYP.	
	Governance was shown to be in place to monitor and progress actions. Exhibits,	
	especially bladed exhibits, were secure, labelled and trackable. Disposal of legacy	
	held property continues.	
	SB noted that progress in this area forms part of a longer project on strategic	
	oversight and management. Funding is being found to appoint a full-time role for	
	seized exhibits.	
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	The Chair acknowledged the work already undertaken and further noted the	
	continuing work on this matter.	
756	Internal Audit Reports and Plan Progress.	
	All Audit Reports were presented in detail by RSM. Questions and challenges,	Action 60
	including submitted questions from Members unable to attend, were fully	
	responded to. A number of Actions were directed by the Chair.	Action 61
	Internal Audit Dies 24/25. This paper was brought for approval basing base.	
	Internal Audit Plan 24/25. This paper was brought for approval having been	
	through three levels of governance thus far. As the Committee was not at quorate, approval could not be given. After discussion and advice, the Chair was	
	minded to approve the Plan, but it would be brought back to the next Board for	Action 62
	formal approval.	Action 02
	Tormar approval.	
	Within the Audit Plan, SB had noted that the number of NYP Detectives stated in	
	the Plan had changed for the better. The Force Risk Register should be amended,	
	and an update will be provided on detective recruitment paths and uplift in	
	numbers at the next Meeting.	Action 63
757	Audit Recommendation Tracker.	
	The tracker was reviewed with updates provided following the HMIC	
	recommendations, audits and an ongoing governance review.	
	CD noted that many NVD Doords are should a continuous immunity and in	
	SB noted that many NYP Boards are showing continuous improvement and is	
	content that NYP is moving forward with a clear line of sight.	
	MP noted the overdue high-risk audit recommendations and urged better	
	visibility to prevent this occurrence.	

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758	HMICFRS Reports / Overview.	
	Work continues with outstanding actions.	
	MP noted the very welcome recent report which demonstrated significant	
	improvements. The Chair also noted and acknowledged the huge amount of work	
	undertaken.	
759	Risk Register and Business Continuity Overview.	
739	Improvements have been reported over the past 6 months; an Internal Audit	
	Review is scheduled for next year.	
	SB acknowledged the welcome challenge from MP which has moved this area forward. LB-W highlighted the processes being implemented for further	
	improvements.	
	The 'tolerate' gradings of strategic risks were challenged and responded to.	
760	Civil Claims Overview.	
	MP reported that a 5-yearly external, actuarial, review which assesses insurance	
	and legal claims took place in September 2023. The review concluded that	
	exceptional processes 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.	
	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.	
761	In Year Financial Monitoring and Medium Term Financial Plan.	
	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.	
	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.	
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	The Chair noted the robust financial plan.	
762	External Audit Update.	
702	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 7 <sup>th</sup> May.	
	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.	
	The Chair noted his thanks to CD for his work over the work	
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763	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.	
	The Chair noted his thanks to both MP and LB-W for the work carried out.	
764	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.	
765	Forward Planner. The Chair was content that all items had been accurately noted for the future.	
766	Closed Items.  Progress across the closed papers was noted with assurances and updates satisfactorily received.	
	The overview provided by SD on devolution was welcomed.	
767	Date of Future Meetings.  The next meeting of the JIAC will take place on 13 <sup>th</sup> Jun 24 at 15.00 hrs.  Meetings are further scheduled for: 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 24; 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 24; 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar 25.	
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:**

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No. 60	Action / Update  HMICFRS. The most recent HMICFRS PEEL report is to come to the next Board for sighting.	<b>Owner</b> DCC	<b>Date Issued</b> 18.04.24	Date Closed
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	<b>Detective Numbers.</b> SB will provide an update on detective recruitment paths and uplift in numbers at the next Meeting.	DCC	18.04.24	