



JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE

APPROVED MINUTES

Date: 23 June 2014

Time: 10am

Location: Conference Room 3, Police Headquarters, Huntingdon

Members : Nicola Scrivings Chair
Nicola Mullany
Mike Hindmarch
Ansar Ali

In Attendance: Alec Wood Deputy Chief Constable
Brian Ashton Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
Niki Howard Chief Finance Officer, Constabulary
Robert Vickers Interim Chief Finance Officer, OPCC
Dorothy Gregson Chief Executive, OPCC
Joanna Conlon Chief Accountant
Mark Jones Baker Tilly
Eve Landon Policy Officer, OPCC
Gemma Boys Admin Officer, OPCC

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Catherine Crawford, Member, Natalie Smith and Mark Hodgson, Ernst & Young, Daniel Harris and Suzanne Lane, Baker Tilly. Mark Jones was present representing Baker Tilly.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on 18 March 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2014 were approved and signed by the Chair.

4. Review of Action Log

It was noted that the flow chart to be presented to the Committee regarding integrity was challenging in relation to the accountabilities of the groups. It was agreed that this would be brought to the Committee in September.

It was agreed that the HMIC Integrity and Anti-Corruption Inspectors Report and the Valuing the Police Report would be presented to the Committee upon production.

Two members had attended a Grant Thornton event for Audit Committee members and would circulate the slides.

The Chair had made contact with her counterparts of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Joint Audit Committees. It was noted that there are differing approaches from the Joint Audit Committees and there would be an effectiveness review of this Committee in September, it would be at this point that any improvements would be discussed.

5. Internal Audit Progress Report

Mark Jones was representing Baker Tilley in the absence of Daniel Harris and Suzanne Lane. Mark presented the report highlighting that this was the last progress report of 2013/14, six reports had been finalised since the last meeting of the Committee and that all work for that financial year had been finalised.

Joint Procurement

Niki Howard informed the Committee that the Joint Procurement report across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire had been conducted later than expected and therefore Hertfordshire had not received enough time to respond. Therefore this report would be brought back to the Committee at a later date. The Committee recognised that this was a procedural issue in relation to the governance across the three organisations and would be rectified.

