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| Report of | OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  |
| Subject | COMPARES POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS (CoPaCC) |
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### Purpose of Report

1. At the time of setting up the OPCC and more recently, the JARAP, members and officers considered whether it would be appropriate for the OPCC and the JARAP to subscribe to the organisation Compares Police and Crime Commissioners (known as CoPaCC).
2. The OPCC in line with those in the East Midlands Region decided not to subscribe to CoPaCC and instead subscribe to the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) briefings and member services to which all PCC’s subscribe.
3. The JARAP agreed to consider the subscription in due course and the purpose of this report is to enable JARAP members to consider this and make an informed decision as to whether they wish to subscribe to CoPaCC.
4. This report identifies the service provided by CoPaCC, together with information from other JARAP/Audit Committee’s in the Region and other information for consideration.

**Overview of CoPaCC**

1. CoPaCC was independently established shortly after the first election of Police and Crime Commissioners in November 2012. The primary focus of the organisation is on the work of the PCC’s and their offices.
2. CoPaCC publish a regular, subscriber-only Policing Report with analysis of PCC activity as well as strategic level policing requirements.
3. Additionally, CoPaCC publish through PolicingInsight.com an online magazine and weekly newsletter.
4. CoPaCC also produce Thematic Reports on specific areas. The information for these and any good practice highlighted is requested from PCC’s and provided voluntarily by PCC’s where appropriate.
5. Subscription arrangements are as follows:
	1. Free registration to the PolicingInsight.com website is available to individuals with a particular interest in this area and enables the subscriber to receive selected articles and reports and the weekly newsletter.
	2. Full subscriptions which provide access to the PolicingInsight website and all reports by CoPaCC, although some of these reports can be circulated publicly.
	3. Full subscriptions are either: Individual subscriptions at £150 plus VAT or a multiuser subscription of up to 12 users at £975 VAT.
	4. CoPaCC have advised that both subscription options a and b would require all users of the service to have @leics.pnn.gov.uk email addresses to access the information.
6. A recent review has highlighted that whilst all subscribe to the APCC, no OPCCs in the Region currently subscribe to CoPaCC and with the current financial challenges in place and anticipated for the future, it is not expected that this will change with the existing arrangements (this includes Leicestershire).

**Additional Considerations**

1. Any decisions flowing from the Strategic Alliance considerations in December 2015 may require the JARAP to seek supplementary or alternative assurances to assist them in discharging their responsibilities.
2. With the appointment of a new PCC in Leicestershire and a large number throughout the country in May 2016, new PCC’s may wish to consider the sources of information available to them in undertaking their roles.
3. The APCC distribute a Friday weekly briefing to all Police and Crime Commissioners (on the police commissioner inbox) which updates on key national events of the week and identifies forthcoming national events and meetings. The APCC have advised the CFO that they would be happy for this information to be shared with JARAP members.

**Summary**

1. This report highlights the facilities available to JARAP members as subscribers to the PolicingInsight.com website which contains details of CoPaCC’s activities.
2. JARAP members may wish to consider whether they feel a subscription to CoPaCC would be useful at this time and if so, whether the timing is appropriate to seek full subscription as outlined in paragraph 9b. This is currently not budgeted for and would cost up to £975 per annum.
3. However, an alternative for JARAP members may be to consider whether it could be appropriate for members to individually register for the free subscription as detailed within paragraph 9a and to review the usefulness of these arrangements, together with any strategic changes and the change of PCC later in 2016.
4. Additionally, JARAP members may wish to consider whether they wish to trial receiving the weekly APCC updates, highlighted in paragraph 13.

**Implications**

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| Financial: | If full subscription is sought this could be up to £975 per annum.  |
| Legal:  | There are no legal implications associated with this report. |
| Equality Impact Assessment:  | There are no equality issues associated with this report. |
| Risks and Impact: | The impact of managing Risk is covered within the Terms of Reference of the JARAP. |
| Link to Police and Crime Plan: | The JARAP provides assurance on the work of the PCC and the Force which align to the plan. |

**Background Papers**

None.

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