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Report of	OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
Subject	JARAP EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW
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Purpose of report

- 1.1 To review the effectiveness of JARAP using CIPFA guidance.

Recommendation

- 2.1 Members of the panel, along with the internal and external auditors are invited to consider and comment on the finding from the review and determine if they agree with the proposed outcome.

Information

- 3.1 It is good practice to carry out an effectiveness review from time to time on how the panel operates. The last effectiveness review was carried out in April 2025.
- 3.2 In April 2026 the Chair of JARAP met with the Audit Manager from Forvis Mazars and the Chief Finance Officers from the Force and OPCC. The intention was to consider the effectiveness of the panel using the framework set out in the CIPFA publication 'Audit Committees: Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police (2022 Addition)'.
 - 3.3 The guidance includes a 'Self-assessment of good practice' as well as a further appendix on 'Evaluating the impact and effectiveness of the audit committee'.
 - 3.4 During the meeting in April the 'self-assessment of good practice' included within the 2022 guidance was used as a tool to measure effectiveness (Appendix A).
 - 3.5 Appendix A to this report sets out the responses to the self-assessment that were considered at the meeting referred to in paragraph 3.2. The self-assessment asks a series of questions relating to good practice and the responses are measured against compliance of those good practice principles. The answers are weighted based on the extent of improvements required and overall performance calculated from a maximum score of 200. As one of the questions isn't relevant to Audit Committees for Policing

the maximum score available is 200. The table below summarises the outcome of this part of the review:

Response	Compliance?	Weighting of answers	Number of questions scored	Score
Major improvements	Does not comply	0	0	0
Significant improvements	Partially complies	1	0	0
Moderate improvements	Partially complies	2	0	0
Minor improvements	Partially complies	3	2	6
No further improvements	Fully complies	5	38	190

Total Score out of 200: 196

- 3.8 Appendix D to this report sets out the evaluation of the effectiveness of the audit committee (JARAP).

Findings

- 3.7 Given the results of the self-assessment and the evaluation as described above, it is believed that JARAP has operated in an effective manner.
- 3.8 Members of the panel, along with the internal and external auditors are invited to consider and comment on this finding and determine if they agree with the proposed outcome.

Appendices

Appendix A: Self-assessment of good practice.
 Appendix B: Evaluating the effectiveness of the audit committee.
 Appendix C: CIPFA Audit Committees Position Statement 2022

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