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## JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE 27 March 2024

SUBJECT	External Audit Plan 2023-24 & Associated Fees
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT	
To receive the External Audit Plan for 2023-24	
RECOMMENDATION	That the committee agree the plan and note the associated fees.

#### A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1. Members will be aware that Grant Thornton was appointed as the External Auditors for the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable with effect from 2023-24.
- 2. Appended to this report is the External Audit Plan 2023-24, including the associated fees.
- 3. Richard Anderson/Thomas Woodhead, Grant Thornton, will be in attendance to present the report.

#### B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The external audit service contract with Grant Thornton is awarded via Public Sector Audit Appointments. The total cost for 2023-24 is £152,064.

#### C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The statutory responsibilities and powers of the External Auditor are set out in the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Local Government Act 1999.

#### D. PERSONNEL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

(including any impact or issues relating to Children and Young People)

None.

### E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The committee will be kept informed of external audit work throughout the year.

#### F. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risks are detailed as appropriate within appendices to this report.

## G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Information in this report along with any supporting material is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.