

Agenda Item 13

JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE 26 JUNE 2025

OPCC RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To provide members of the committee with oversight of the risk register for the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 1.2. As a separate corporation sole it is right and proper that the OPCC has a separate risk register to WMP, as they are able to control the levers and the mitigations of the same risks in different ways which complement the overall limitation of liability to both entities.

2. RISK MANAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

- 2.1 The Committee is aware the PCC's risk register is based on the risks associated with the functions of the PCC and the risks associated with the delivery of the police and crime plan, which are referred to as topical risks.
- 2.2 The current OPCC risk register is attached as Appendix 2.

3. RISKS TO THE DELIVERY OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

- 3.1 The new Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029 has been broken down into each promise and task within the plan. Each of those has been assigned an SMT Lead, an officer lead, and where appropriate references a WMP lead.
- 3.2 The tasks have been allocated to a timescale, and quarterly updates will be collated on all task and reported to the Police and Crime Panel and the Police and Crime Commissioner. As of 31 May 2025 the risk assessment of the delivery of the plan has not been completed and is not due to be completed until 4 July 2025. Any red risks will be reported in the next quarterly monitoring report.

- 3.3 Each section of the police and crime plan is supported by a number of measures that will be monitored through the Commissioner's term in office. This will be through regular performance reporting to the Accountability and Governance Board and other governance arrangements. These include PCC and Chief Constable meetings where performance of the Force is discussed on a monthly basis. Where there are performance concerns, there are deep dives to understand the issues.
- 3.4 In addition the Police and Crime Plan is now published online as a "<u>storybook</u>" whereby the plan is updated every quarter with actual KPI data. This is in order to very publicly show progress towards meeting the KPIs chosen to measure overall delivery. The Performance area of the OPCC website is currently being redeveloped to ensure that the performance is as visible as possible to the public and external stakeholders.

4. NEW CORPORATE RISKS

- 4.1 The review of the risk register has identified no new corporate risks for the OPCC.
- 4.2 One new risk is being considered and evaluated for inclusion, and that is the risk of funding cuts to partners making effective collaboration more difficult, and potentially reducing co-commissioning possibilities.

5. INCREASED CORPORATE RISKS

5.1 During the last guarter, no risk scores have increased.

6. REDUCED CORPORATE RISK SCORES

6.1 During the last guarter, no risk scores have decreased.

7. CLOSED AND DE- ESCALATED CORPORATE RISKS

7.1 During the last quarter, no risks have been closed.

8. RECOMMENDATION

8.1 The Committee note the contents of the report and appendices.

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