



Audit Committee Vacancy

Audit Committee Background

The Cleveland Joint Independent Audit Committee advises Cleveland Police and the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) on good governance. It was established in 2012.

Under police financial management rules and best practice, it focusses on good financial management and control.

However, the committee also plays a key role in enhancing public trust and confidence in the governance of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Cleveland Police.

In addition, members help the PCC to discharge his/her statutory responsibility to hold Cleveland Police to account.

The Audit Committee is made up of five members, who are independent of the OPCC and Cleveland Police. It meets at least four times a year.

Executive team members from both the OPCC and Cleveland Police attend every meeting.

Members receive an annual allowance of £1,500, with an expectation that members will spend approximately five to seven days per year on the role.

Role Profile

As a Member of the Audit Committee, you will play a key role in improving public trust and confidence in the governance of the OPCC and Cleveland Police.

You will also help the PCC to discharge his/her statutory responsibility to hold Cleveland Police to account.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Assisting the Audit Committee Chair to advise the PCC, Chief Constable and/or their nominated representatives of key risk, compliance and governance issues that arise when conducting Audit Committee business.
2. Reviewing Committee papers and attending Committee meetings up to four times a year.

3. Assisting the Audit Committee Chair to effectively perform the following key responsibilities:

- Providing independent assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls - including risk management - and advising the PCC and the Chief Constable, as appropriate.
- Looking at the effectiveness of the compliance framework for statutory requirements - in particular in respect to financial reporting and audits
- Independently scrutinising the performance of the OPCC and Cleveland Police, assessing its overall impact on risks and the strength of the organisations' internal controls.
- Overseeing the financial reporting process.
- Advising the PCC and Chief Constable on appropriate arrangements for external and internal audit - and making sure there are appropriate responses to audit reports and findings.

4. Maintaining up-to-date knowledge and awareness of issues in national and local policing and crime

5. Attending relevant training events

6. Promoting equality of opportunity and working to eliminate unlawful discrimination.

7. Complying with all relevant codes of conduct and maintaining the highest standards of conduct and ethics