



**Report of the PCC CFO to the Chair and Members of the Joint Audit Committee**  
**27<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Presenting Officer: Mr Michael Porter, Chief Finance Officer**

**Status: For information**

**Strategic Risk Register**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To provide Members with an update on the progress of the PCC's risk register.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Members note the content of the report.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The PCC continues to take an integrated approach to embedding its risk register within the OPCC. The Risk Register is managed on the 'Insight4GRC' system and also continues to be reviewed in line with the OPCC's own Risk Management Policy.
- 3.2 The Risk Register is reviewed and reported on a half yearly rolling basis. The objective of the review is to update risk controls, scoring, and check progress against outstanding actions and to explore new or emerging risks.

## **4 Progress and Changes since the last update**

- 4.1 All Risk entries have been reviewed up to this report.
- 4.2 Following feedback from the internal auditors, work is continuing to include additional narrative on assurance records; and building demonstrable evidence of these assurances taking place and then embedding them within 'Insight4GRC'.
- 4.3 Other than some minor adjustments the risk register remains largely unchanged during the last 6 months.
- 4.4 Emerging Risks
- 4.5 There are a number of areas that are currently under consideration for addition to the Risk Register as a separate Risk and/or supplementing current risks.
- 4.6 In terms of the Organisational Governance Risk one of previous actions to move this area of risk to its Target level was: *'Following the appointment of a new Chief Constable, the OPCC now needs to ensure that the Force secure robust and stable Chief Officer Team'*
- 4.7 This Action was rightly closed around 18 months ago, however as the Chief Constable has now announced his retirement, there is a potential for some instability in the Chief Officer Team and therefore some increased risk around Organisational Governance.
- 4.8 With the full support of the College of Policing, a Chief Constable recruitment programme has been developed and will be launched following the publication of the HMICFRS Peel Inspection in the early April 2025.
- 4.9 Based on current planning assumptions and the selection of a preferred candidate, the next Chief Constable of Cleveland Police will be selected and confirmed by the Police and Crime Panel, prior to Chief Constable Webster's retirement in late July 2025.
- 4.10 This risk will be subsequently reviewed and included within the Risk Register update provided to the Committee in September 2025.
- 4.11 In the last OPCC Risk Register update there was a potential risk highlighted as follows:
- 4.12 In terms of the Financial Planning Risk, an issue has arisen in year that may impact on the finances of the PCC. As with many areas of the Country there were instances of significant disorder/riots within Cleveland during late July and early August.
- 4.13 The Riot Compensation Act 2016 (RCA) gives victims of criminal damage or loss during a riot the right to compensation. It is designed to allow communities to recover quickly from the impact of rioting.

- 4.14 To qualify for compensation victims must demonstrate that the damage or loss they have suffered was because of a riot.
- 4.15 If property is not adequately insured, then people can claim compensation under the Riot Compensation Act from the local police 'claims authority'. For Cleveland, this is the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).
- 4.16 The PCC has already received a number of claims that are likely to result in compensation being paid. The ultimate quantity and value of these claims are unlikely to be fully known for several months at which point the full impact on the finances of the organisation can be assessed.
- 4.17 In total 39 claims were received with a claim value of £426k. While it was initially expected that the costs of these claims would be paid by the Government this has not been the case. The costs of the claims are therefore being funded from within current resources during 2024/25. It is currently forecast that these costs will be contained without the organisation overspending in 2024/25.
- 4.18 The window for making any claims has now passed and therefore no more claims can be made, as a result of containing the costs the risk will not be added to the Risk Register.
- 4.19 All risks will continue to be reviewed and monitored as the year progresses.

## **5 Risk Register**

- 5.1 The Insight4GRC methodology and Risk Management Policy is in place and work is continuing to embed it into the day-to-day work of the OPCC.
- 5.2 All risks have and will continue to be allocated to individual Officers with regular updates required.
- 5.3 A Summary Risk Report is included as an appendix to this report which includes details of the Inherent, Residual and Target Risk scores.
- 5.4 Members will note that around half of the Risks currently on the Risk Register are at their Target Score.

## **6. Implications**

### **6.1 Finance**

There are no known financial implications at the present time. However, as the process progresses the financial implications will be continually reviewed.

### **6.2 Diversity and Equal Opportunities**

There are no diversity or equal opportunities implications arising from the content of this report.

### 6.3 Human Rights Act

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from the content of this report.

### 6.4 Sustainability

Risk Management is a vital element in ensuring the sustainable delivery of services and delivering the PCC's priorities.

### 6.5 Risk

Risk Management is crucial in ensuring the sustainable delivery of services and delivery of the PCC's priorities through the effective identification and management of the principal risks to the delivery of corporate objectives.

## **7. Conclusion**

- 7.1 The OPCC strategic Risk Register and the work to embed risk management within the work of the OPCC remains on-going and work will continue to ensure progress is maintained and risks are appropriately captured and managed.

# Risk Summary Report

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Risk Criteria							
Project				Risk - Live			
Risk Area				19. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner			
Prefix	Reference	Risk Title	Risk Owner	Status	Inherent Priority	Residual Priority	Target Priority
OFF0015	1626	Organisational Governance	Michael.Porter@cleveland.police.uk	Open	Primary (25)	Contingency (10)	Contingency (10)
OFF0017	1628	Fraud	Michael.Porter@cleveland.police.uk	Open	Primary (20)	Contingency (8)	Contingency (8)
OFF0021	1632	Financial Planning	Michael.Porter@cleveland.police.uk	Open	Primary (16)	Primary (12)	Contingency (8)
OFF0028	1639	Objectives of the Office of the PCC	lisa.oldroyd3@cleveland.police.uk	Open	Primary (16)	Contingency (8)	Contingency (8)
OFF0029	1640	Holding the Chief Constable and the Force to account	lisa.oldroyd3@cleveland.police.uk	Open	Primary (25)	Primary (15)	Contingency (10)
OFF0030	1641	Commissioning of services	Rachelle.Kipling@cleveland.police.uk	Open	Primary (16)	Primary (12)	Contingency (8)
OFF0033	1644	Complaints against the Chief Constable	lisa.oldroyd3@cleveland.police.uk	Open	Contingency (9)	Low (4)	Low (4)
OFF0039	1868	Failure to provide competent Complaints Model 3 service	Elise.Pout@cleveland.police.uk	Open	Primary (20)	Contingency (9)	Contingency (6)
OFF0040	1899	Working with Partners	Rachelle.Kipling@cleveland.police.uk	Open	Primary (16)	Primary (12)	Contingency (8)
OFF0041	1900	Sexual Assault Referral Centre	Rachelle.Kipling@cleveland.police.uk	Open	Primary (16)	Primary (12)	Contingency (8)
OFF0042	1901	Data Protection	Rachelle.Kipling@cleveland.police.uk	Open	Primary (12)	Contingency (8)	Contingency (8)