



## **Report of the Chief Finance Officer to the Chair and Members of the Joint Audit Committee**

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### **Internal Audit Recommendations Update Report – June 2025**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Cleveland Audit Committee with a status update in relation to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) recommendations following internal audit reviews.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members note the contents of the report.

#### **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 During 2024/25 as part of the internal audit plan the OPCC have been subject to two internal audits; namely **Complaints** and **Commissioning Revisit**.
- 3.2 Both of these areas feature on the OPCC Strategic Risk Register, supporting the management and mitigation of risk.

#### **4.0 Progress**

- 4.1 The OPCC internal audit tracker includes 29 recommendations, of these recommendations, 22 have been identified as complete by the OPCC and are highlighted green on the action plan.
- 4.2 See below updates in relation to a number of actions that have passed the due delivery date;
  - a) Action 12 – a revised completion date has been set for July 2025. This is as a result of the delivery plan being completed in April 2025 following launch of the Police and Crime Plan in December 2025.
  - b) Action 14 and 15 – as per action 12 above.

c) Action 23 – a revised completion date has been set for September 2025. This is as a result of the commissioning strategy being aligned to the new Police and Crime Plan and subsequent delivery plan which was developed in April. The new commissioning strategy will cover up to 2028 aligned to the Police and Crime Plan as opposed to being an annual document.

d) Action 24 – as per action 12 above.

e) Action 27 – a revised completion date to September 2025 to ensure a drive in consistency with ongoing assurance available across the team.

## **5.0 Implications**

### **5.1 Finance**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **5.2 Diversity and Equal Opportunities**

There are no diversity and/or equal opportunities implications arising from the contents of this report.

### **5.3 Human Rights Act**

There are not Human Rights Act Implications arising from this report.

### **5.4 Sustainability**

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

### **5.5 Risk**

Failure to deliver against the recommendations of the internal audits could significantly impact on the management of risk within the OPCC.

## **6.0 Conclusion**

6.1 As can be seen in appendix 1, significant effort has been made to fulfil the recommendations agreed following internal audits. With a culture of continuous learning and improvement within the OPCC, the completion of audit actions supports the effective delivery of the Police and Crime Commissioners statutory responsibilities and the management of any associated strategic risks.