

MEETING: Joint Audit Panel

DATE OF MEETING: 26/09/2024

CHAIR OF MEETING: Peter Morris, Joint Audit Panel Chair

ITEMS APPROVED

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2024 were approved as a true record of the meeting.

ASSURANCE RECEIVED

The following items were presented for the Panel's assurance:-

Current GMP Issue – Chief Resources Officer Rawlinson and Chief Finance Officer Cosh provided an update to the Panel on those key issues facing GMP. The update included Operations and enquiries currently ongoing in Force; Officer pay increase of 4.75% with consequent funding to be provided by Home Office; Operation Rydal – a Force-wide Programme aimed at meeting the financial challenges over the short and medium term; The work being done to influence and lobby for a revised approach to Police Funding reflecting the requirements facing GMP and The Right Care, Right Person (RCRP) Protocol is due to go live on 30th September in Greater Manchester. This is anticipated to reduce demand on the Force. Discussion also took place on the scrutiny and governance around RCRP.

The Panel also considered GMP's approach to the governance around stop search and were pleased to note that GMP is the most improved Force for the second year running based on PEEL assessment criteria.

Panel members noted that policies and guidance were to be reviewed following the announcement of a new Procurement Act. Training will also be provided. Members also noted that there is already a strong governance process in place in GMP for procurement, however, the new processes this act will bring in will improve the governance further. Internal Audit commented when they have previously undertaken audits of GMP procurement in the past there have been no issues found

External Audit – Progress Report 2022/23. An overview of the overview of the work of Mazars, External auditors, was provided, noting that the pensions work has now been completed.

Audit letter 23-24– Delay in issuing the Auditor’s Annual Report for 2023/24 - It was noted that the letter had been received and published on the GMP website.

Internal Audit Progress Report - An overview of the report was provided to the Panel, including an update on the following reports which have been published since the last meeting:-

- Vetting Process (Reasonable Assurance)
- Plan on a Page (PoaP) Assurance - Follow Up (Portfolio Review)
- Major Incident Response – JESIP (Reasonable Assurance)
- Airwaves Radios – Management and Safeguarding of Radios (Limited Assurance) – ACO Henderson provided an update on the processes taking place in this area to strengthen controls.

ITEMS CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

RISKS IDENTIFIED	
RISK	MITIGATING ACTION
Other than the risks identified on the risk register there were no additional risks identified at this stage	

ITEMS FOR ESCALATION TO THE GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE
There were no specific areas identified for escalation, the Panel Chair's report was presented to the GMCA Audit Committee by the Chair in October.

Peter Morris
 Chair of Greater Manchester Joint Audit Panel (Police and Crime)