

Joint Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable for West Mercia

Date of Meeting:	21 March 2023
Agenda Item	11_21/03/2023
Subject:	Update on the JASC ToR
	Provide advice and recommendations to the PCC and Chief Constable to ensure that there is effective oversight and governance.
Report by:	Paul Benfield / Richard Muirhead
Reporting Organisation	PCC
Number of Appendices:	None

Summary

The draft terms of reference (TOR) are attached. They have been reviewed by the JASC members and changes have been made which they believe are relevant to the work that they do. The changes from the previous version have been highlighted (in yellow).

The ToRs largely reaffirms the role of JASC and therefore there are no material changes to our risk profile

The TOR has been reviewed by the Treasurer and CFO and both are comfortable to recommend these to the PCC and Chief Constable as the 'persons charged with governance'. They have also added further clarification around the administration of the committee (highlighted in green)

One amendment is however recommended. The JASC is unusual in policing in only having an advisory capacity, in most public sector organisations they would have statutory responsibilities of approval. It is therefore recommended that the references to approval or approving in all cases are amended to "recommend" or "recommending".

The ToR have been tabled at the West Mercia Governance Board, on the 22nd March 2023, with a recommendation for approval based on the above amendment.

Action Required:

Provide a recommendation to the PCC & Chief Constable as to approval of the JASC ToR.