

MINUTES AUDIT PANEL

24 March 2023, 14:15 to 14:30

GF01, Kelvedon Park and via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Jonathan Swan (JS)	Audit Committee Member (Chair)
Simon Faraway (SF)	Audit Committee Member
Kashyap Pandya (KP)	Audit Committee Member
Neil Cross (NC)	Chief Finance Officer, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
Darren Horsman (DH)	Deputy Monitoring Officer and Strategic Head of Policy and Public Engagement, PFCC's office
Janet Perry (JPe)	Chief Financial Officer/ Strategic Head of Performance and Resources, PFCC's office
Jeremy White (JW)	Finance Manager, PFCC's office
Camilla Brandal	Minutes, PFCC's office

2 External Auditor contract update

- 2.1 After a discussion around Grant Thornton now not taking up the opportunity to provide a one year extension to the existing contract and the options that are not available and available, it was agreed that Dave Levy (from Essex Police), Neil Cross and Annette Chan (from Essex Police) would attend the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 28 March with the proposed supplier.

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DL, NC and Annette Chan to attend the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 28 March with the proposed supplier.

1 Minutes of the last meeting

- 1.1 Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on 24 February 2023
- 1.1.2 JP asked that it be noted that she was not present at this meeting.
- 1.1.3 Further to this, the minutes were agreed. There were no matters arising.

The meeting closed at 1426.