

## MINUTES AUDIT PANEL

24 March 2023 12:15pm to 12:30pm

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
Pippa Brent-Isherwood (PBI)	Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer, PFCC's office
Neil Cross (NC)	Chief Finance Officer, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
Dave Levy (DL)	Director of Commercial Services, Essex Police
Debbie Martin (DM)	Chief Finance Officer, Essex Police
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 (CB)	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 DL, NC and AC (in DM's absence) would attend the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 28 March with the proposed supplier.

#### **Action 11/23**

**DL, NC and AC 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 1237.**