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| Report to: | Joint Audit and Scrutiny Panel |
| Date of Meeting: | 28 September 2017 |
| Report of: | Chief Finance Officer |
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| Agenda Item: | 5 |

External Audit of the Accounts 2016-17 (ISA260)

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To provide members with the results of the review of the Statement of Accounts and supporting documentation for the Financial Year 2016-17.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are requested to:
 - Consider the report of the External Auditor and recommend its findings to the Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable
 - Recommend the letter of representation to the Police & Crime Commissioner for signing and sending to the external auditors.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 This complies with good governance arrangements and relevant statutory and regulatory requirements.

4. Summary of Key Points

- 4.1 The report detailing the findings of the external auditors during the audit of the accounts for 2016-17 will be circulated to Members once finalised.
- 4.2 The Auditors report will also include a draft letter of representation for the Chief Financial Officer to complete.

5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

5.1 Identified within the report.

6. Human Resources Implications

6.1 None as a direct result of this report.

7. Equality Implications

7.1 None as a direct result of this report.

8. Risk Management

8.1 Risks identified are being managed.

9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

9.1 None as a direct result of this report.

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

10.1 The report explains the requirements with legislation.

11. Details of outcome of consultation

11.1 Not applicable

12. Appendices

A – Report to those charged with governance (ISA 260) – to follow