

CIPFA Police and Fire Network and CIPFA Better Governance Forum

Update for Police Audit Committee Members

By webinar

25 May 2021

Purpose

This webinar will provide an update on some of the latest issues for members of joint independent audit committees for PCCs and chief constables in England and Wales.

Learning Outcomes

By attending this webinar you will be provided with an update on:

- strategic policing issues in England and Wales
- the latest governance and audit related developments
- the latest NAO developments
- the Treasury Management function and its governance.

Who Will Benefit

Members of joint independent audit committees for PCCs and chief constables in England and Wales.

Programme

10:00 – 10:05

Introductions and webinar overview

10:05 – 10:40

The latest strategic and finance issues in policing

- An overview of the latest developments in strategic policing issues
- Home Office policy documents and finance issues
- Recent HMICFRS reports and developments
- The Role of CFOs in Policing
- The CIPFA FM Code
- Effective Governance of Police Collaboration.

Alison Dewhirst, Police Advisor, CIPFA

10:40 – 11.15

Update on the latest governance and audit issues

An overview of the latest governance and audit issues that have implications for police joint audit committees including:

- Guidance on the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2020/21
- The Head of Internal Audit's annual opinion and recent guidance from CIPFA
- Annual review of internal control to support the AGS

Diana Melville, Governance Advisor, CIPFA

11:15 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 12:00

Update from the National Audit Office

- New Code of Audit Practice and its implications for audit of local police bodies
- Report on the timeliness of local auditor reporting in England in 2020
- Redmond review of local audit, and standardised and simplified accounts.

Andrew Kendrick or Suzy Smith, National Audit Office

12:00 – 12:50

The Treasury Management Function

- The governance of the Treasury Management function and the role of the audit committee
- Forthcoming changes to the Treasury Management Code from CIPFA

Diana Melville, CIPFA

- What makes a good Treasury Management function?
- Treasury risk and investment returns.

Richard Lloyd-Bithell, Senior Policy and Technical Manager, CIPFA

12:50 – 13:00

Q&A

Your facilitators will be Diana Melville, Governance Advisor, CIPFA and Alison Dewhirst, Police Advisor, CIPFA.

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