

Joint Audit Committee

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Report Title	Mayoral Model Transition Update
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Risk register reference	SR9. Devolution / Transition.
Previous papers to Committee	N/A
Report summary	This report updates the Committee on preparations for the planned transition of local police governance to the Mayoral model, currently expected in May 2028. While national policy and timescales continue to evolve, the OPCC has begun initial transition planning, including engagement with national and local partners, allocation of internal leadership resources, risk management arrangements, and identification of key workstreams. These cover governance, finance, staffing, commissioning, partnerships, communications, and technology. The transition presents significant dependencies on wider reforms, including police reform, local government reorganisation and combined authority arrangements. Current assurance on transition preparedness is assessed

	as moderate , with further detailed planning to follow as national guidance becomes clearer.	
Purpose of the report	Update/progress report	
	Provide assurance	Yes
	Present audit findings	
	Risk escalation	
	Policy/strategy review	
	Statutory requirement	
	Other (<i>please specify</i>)	
Related Police and Crime Plan Pillar		
Source(s) of assurance	Internal Audit	
	External Audit	
	Internal management controls	YES
	Independent review	
	Inspection findings	
	Other (<i>please specify</i>)	
Key issues, assurances and concerns	Key issues, assurance and concerns(s): The Committee can take assurance that appropriate governance, leadership, risk management and initial planning arrangements are in place to support the transition to the Mayoral model. While significant external dependencies and national policy uncertainties remain, the OPCC has identified key risks, allocated resources, engaged relevant partners and established the foundations necessary to support a smooth and effective transition. Update since JAC meeting planned for May 2026 The OPCC/CPCA Senior Leadership Teams met in person at the CPCA offices on 17 June 2025. This was the first meeting between the two teams. It was a positive meeting,	

	and the CPCA team were keen to understand the complexities of the OPCC role. The CPCA Chief Executive was clear from the outset about their intention to take a joint approach to the transition that is anticipated in May 2028. They had already started to consider issues that need to be taken into account, very much in line with the workstreams the OPCC have identified and recognising the differences between the OPCC role and some of their wider responsibilities. Next steps include agreeing lead points of contact from both organisations, putting in place a data sharing agreement for transition issues and future transition meeting arrangements. Nationally, Home Office governance transitions are currently being refreshed with a new Board led by the Policing Minister.
Recommendation	To note the contents of the report.