

Joint Audit Committee

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Report author	Force Risk and Internal Non-financial Audit Controller Les McCracken
Risk register reference	2026-27 IT, 3.25/26 Cyber Security, 4.25/26 Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery & Incident Response, and 2.24/25 BCH Innovation Framework: 512 Risk that Co-Pilot and some AI technology has outpaced adoption and safeguarding processes within the Constabulary (and BCH) 2026-27 Complaints internal audit: 517 Issue that Complaints Resolution Team (CRT) are unable to respond to complaints in a timely manner All 372 Risk that the Medium Term Financial Strategy will not balance hindering ability to respond to and fund future local, collaborative and national operational requirements and initiatives
Previous papers to Committee	The report and appendix are provided for each meeting
Report summary	Internal audit progress report Recommendations are prioritised into high, medium, or low importance by the auditors. These are then assessed by the Constabulary and strategic owners identified to progress each one. Monitoring, updating and reporting is undertaken as described below under 'Key assurance(s)'. The internal audit highlight report provided as Appendix 1 gives an overview of audits undertaken or planned, assurance outcomes, audit owners, and the number and

	severity of recommendations, as well as the number completed or still outstanding, including the number and severity of actions outstanding past their due date.	
Purpose of the report <i>Why is the report being presented to the Committee? (Tick all boxes that apply)</i>	Update/progress report	✓
	Provide assurance	✓
	Present audit findings	✓
	Risk escalation	
	Policy/strategy review	
	Statutory requirement	
	Other (please specify)	
Related Police and Crime Plan Pillar	The content of the report and appendix may relate to any pillars of the Police and Crime Plan as audits are wide ranging.	
Source(s) of assurance <i>(Tick all boxes that apply)</i>	Internal Audit	✓
	External Audit	
	Internal management controls	✓
	Independent review	✓
	Inspection findings	
	Other (please specify)	
Key issues, assurances and concerns	Key assurance(s): Governance of the progress against RSM audits is through reports to the monthly Force Executive Board. Monitoring of the recommendations from internal non-financial audit reports is undertaken by the Risk & Internal Audit Controller at least monthly, who seeks updates from action owners as necessary. Monitoring of financial audit reports is undertaken primarily by Finance and the Risk & Internal Audit Controller requests updates from Finance.	
	Significant concern(s): There are currently no significant concerns related to the progress of audits or audit recommendations	
	Mitigating action(s): Not applicable as no significant concerns identified but please see Key assurance(s) above.	

Action required <i>What is the Committee being asked to do? (Tick one box only)</i>	Information – <i>to note the contents of the report</i>	✓
	Assurance – <i>to review and provide assurance that arrangements are adequate and effective</i>	✓
	Recommendation – <i>endorse a recommendation to the PCC or CC</i>	
	Approval – <i>approve a document, plan or approach where authority is delegated to JAC</i>	
	Decision – <i>make a decision within the Committee's delegated authority</i>	
Recommendation	The report and appendix are provided for review and question by committee members.	