

Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

Meeting Date: Wednesday 25th September 2024

Subject: PCC Holding to Account

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Purpose of the report

The purpose of this report is to give members the opportunity to review the refreshed PCC holding to account approach.

Recommendation

The committee are asked to note content within report and appendices.

Background

The Police and Crime Commissioner identified areas for improvements after his re-election which included the current holding to account approach. As a result of discussions within the office, both the weekly holding to account meetings and monthly governance & scrutiny board meeting terms of reference, have been updated to incorporate the new approach and effectively demonstrate assurance and scrutiny.

Executive Summary

The weekly and monthly hold to account meetings provides a vehicle for the Police and Crime Commissioner to formally hold the Chief Constable to account, scrutinising the priorities, actions and activities of the force, in accordance with the requirements of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

The objectives of the meetings are to prioritise the commitments that are being delivered, including areas of mutual benefit, the financial position of Warwickshire Police, gaining assurance around expenditure, understanding how resource allocation supports PCC priorities and to maintain an efficient and effective police force for the area. As well as to provide a vehicle for joint decision making, provide an opportunity for both the PCC and Chief Constable to brief and consult with each other on matters of interest arising in respect of policing nationally and locally and to enable formal PCC scrutiny of force activity, through a programme of scheduled and spontaneous requests for information.

As part of the wider activities around holding to account, the agenda and minutes, and where appropriate the reports will be published on the OPCC website following the meeting.