



**OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY**

**INFORMATION REPORT TO THE
THAMES VALLEY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
3rd February 2017**

**JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
ANNUAL ASSURANCE REPORT 2016**

Background

The purpose of the Joint Independent Audit Committee is to provide independent assurance to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the Chief Constable regarding the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management framework and the associated control environment within Thames Valley Police (TVP) and the Office of the PCC (OPCC). It has oversight of general governance matters and may provide comment on any new or amended PCC policies and strategies with regard to financial risk and probity.

The committee comprises five (5) members who are independent of the PCC and TVP and has specific responsibility for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the following corporate management control functions and processes:

- Financial management and reporting
- Internal control and governance environment
- Corporate risk management
- Business continuity management
- Internal audit
- External audit
- Health and safety
- Equality and diversity
- Inspection and review
- Accountability arrangements

The Committee produces an Annual Assurance Report for the PCC and Chief Constable each December. The 2016 Annual Assurance Report is attached.

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