

INTERNAL AUDIT: APPRAISAL REVIEW OF THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMISSIONING FUND

UPDATE

At the June 2015 meeting of the Committee the attached report was circulated. It was minuted:

A report by the Internal Auditor was circulated. This review had been conducted as an appraisal review but assessed as an assurance review. The subject of the review would be considered as an assurance review and a further report submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

There have been further discussions between OPCC and the internal auditor about the conduct of an assurance review of the Commissioner's Commissioning Fund. This would take five days but OPCC and the internal auditor have concluded that this would not be an efficient use of those days. OPCC and the internal auditor have agreed therefore that the following action will be taken on the three recommendations in the report.

1. *All funding applicants be advised that funding will be suspended from a specific date if a fully completed funding agreement has not been received by that date.*

The process is for funding agreements to be completed and signed before any funds are released. The Auditor has been provided with copies of the two agreements for the funds paid to date from the fund for 2015/16. A current follow up of this recommendation is therefore considered implemented. (V Davies TIAA 11/09/15).

2. *Copies of quarterly performance returns be held as evidence that all funders are fully complying with the reporting requirements stated in Paragraph 4 of the Funding Agreement.*

The opportunities for performance reporting will be widened to allow for such reporting at meetings between Wiltshire Police and local authorities. It is recognised that the grant funding of local authority projects is a key part of ensuring that partnership working continues between local authorities in Wiltshire and Swindon.

3. *An annual value for money assessment be undertaken on all activities/projects/schemes funded through the Commissioning Fund to ensure that all funding achieves value for money.*

A report will be published in respect of the grants made in 2014 / 2015.