

**JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**MARCH 2023**

**ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021/2022 AREA FOR DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRESS REPORT**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This paper provides the Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) with a brief summary of the progress made with the areas for development captured in the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2021/2022. This report pertains to the “Internal Control Environment” aspect of the JIAC terms of reference.

**2. AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT**

- 2.1 There were four areas for development identified during the review of governance arrangements undertaken to inform the AGS for 2021/2022. A summary of the progress made with each of those is set out in the table below.

Area For Development	Lead	Target Completion Date	Remarks
1. Consider the provisions of the Monitoring Officer protocol in respect of changes in that role.	Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer	31 December 2022	The Monitoring Officer protocol is the subject of a substantive report to JIAC on 21 March 2023.
2. Monitor Freedom of Information compliance rates to determine if the increased resource generates satisfactory improvement.	Deputy Chief Constable	31 December 2022	Considerable improvement has been made in relation to Freedom of Information (FOI) compliance rates. Increased resource has facilitated an increase in compliance from 31% in January 2022 to 88% in January 2023.
3. Take action to re-energise the arrangements for Collaborative Governance in respect of Commissioner oversight of police-to-police collaborative arrangements.	Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer	31 December 2022	There is now a bi-annual Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Organised Crime Unit Governance Board, the agenda for which will be developed over time to encompass other coterminous collaborations (Scientific Support is the main one). Evolve Legal Services has its own governance group, which is currently chaired by the NYPFCC Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer, and which meets periodically (next on 23 March 2023).
4. Review and refresh the Chief Constable / Commissioner memorandum of understanding.	Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer	31 March 2023	This will be completed during the MCA Transition Programme but is likely to be deferred until later than 31 March 2023. This is because there are higher priority governance transition work packages to consider.

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