

CIPFA Better Governance Forum

Update for Police Audit Committee Members 2025

Webinar

20 May 2025 (10.00 – 13.00)

Purpose

An update for members of police audit committees on current developments within the remit of the committee.

Learning Outcomes

The webinar will deliver:

- Improved understanding of new internal audit standards and the impact on the audit committee's role.
- Insight into the policing context and recent policy announcements
- Good practice on responding to financial challenges
- Opportunity for networking and discussion

Who Will Benefit

The webinar will benefit members of police audit committees and those working closely with the committee.

Programme

09:50 – 10:00

Join the webinar

10:00 – 10:10

Introductions and outline of the webinar

Naomi Whitmore, CIPFA

10:10 – 11:20

Topical developments in Policing

An update on policy, governance and performance developments in policing to inform audit committee members in their work. This session will include the latest government policy announcements and documents, HMICFRS reports and other developments. We will consider the relevant implications for forces, PCCs and their audit committees.

Alison Dewhirst, Associate Police Advisor

11:20 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 12:15

Governance updates for Policing

2025 sees the introduction of several key documents relating to Governance in the Policing sector. In this session Diana will be discussing the new auditing standards and what you need to know. She will also run through new guidance for the annual governance statement.

Diana Melville, Governance Advisor, CIPFA

12:15 – 12:45

Responding to Financial Challenges

Iain will be sharing good practice that you and your audit committee should be looking for from your financial management teams. He will be sharing insights on how police bodies can maximise their performance to meet their financial challenges.

Iain McCulloch, CFO, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

12:45 – 13:00

Open networking and discussion

An opportunity to raise questions and discuss current issues for audit committee members or to seek advice from CIPFA experts.

Diana and Alison

13:00

Close of Webinar



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