

# Minutes of Meeting of Audit and Risk Committee

Date: 19 June 2023

Venue: Policing Authority Office, 90 North King Street,

**Dublin 7** 

### Attendance:

Committee Moling Ryan (Committee Chair), Declan Hoban, Geraldine Smith

**Secretary** Mark Nother

**Executive** Helen Hall, Aoife Clabby, Cormac Keating, James Kiernan

Visitors Vincent Tao, Partner, Crowleys DFK (Internal Audit Provider) (for items 3 only)

### 1. Closed Session

Committee members did not exercise the standing option to conduct a closed session.

## 2. Chair's Opening Remarks

The agenda was approved by the Committee and no conflicts of interest were raised. The minutes of the March meeting were approved, unchanged.

There was no correspondence to be noted by the Committee.

The Executive provided an update regarding developments since the last Committee meeting, including: the review of invalid and unwarranted closure of CAD 999 incidents; the ongoing preparations for the transition to the Policing and Community Safety Authority; and matters pertaining to the Authority's resourcing and progress against the annual business plan.

## 3. Audit

The Committee were provided with an update by the Executive on the Internal Audit Plan 2023. The Committee heard that the audit on GDPR compliance was underway as scheduled and that the planned ICT audit was anticipated to be completed as planned in Q3.

An update on the implementation of recommendations arising in respect of previous audits was provided to the Committee, the progress made since the previous update was noted.

The Internal Audit Provider (IAP) joined the meeting and presented the IAP's annual report to the Committee. The Internal Audit Provider outlined that there was progress made with a number of recommendations closed and acknowledgement that a high proportion of the remaining recommendations were deemed to be nearing completion. Overall the IAP maintained the opinion that there was reasonable assurance in respect of the Authority's internal controls.

#### 4. Finance

The monthly financial report was considered by the Committee and a verbal update by the Financial Officer concerning the financial position at the end of May 2023. The Committee was provided with

clarifications and further details per their queries, in particular regarding the ongoing work of the finance unit in supporting the wider transition project.

A verbal update was provided to the Committee regarding the position on prompt payments.

## 5. Governance

The Committee was provided with an update from the May Authority meeting, where the Authority agreed to adopt the minor changes proposed by the Committee to its Charter.

### 6. Risk

The Committee considered and approved the revised draft of the Risk Appetite Statement.

Minor amendments were proposed to the Risk Register, as presented, and clarifications sought for the next meeting of the Committee.

## 7. AOB

There were no matters raised under this item.