



**Agenda Item 10**

**JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE  
30<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**IT Health Check and Accreditation**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update the Committee on the status of the IT Health Check and its recommendations

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 On an annual basis forces are required to complete an IT Health Check (ITHC) which is an independent test run by a specialist company. Companies that can officially run an approved ITHC are accredited as "CHECK" which means they have been approved by CESG (or the National Cyber Security Centre NCSC as they are now called).
- 2.2 The scope of the test was designed in agreement with WMP IT & Digital, WMP Information Management and the Company, using formal guidance from the Cabinet Office. A redacted scope is shown in Appendix A.
- 2.3 The results of the ITHC of 2016 showed there were some areas that required improvement. The issues found were in the internal WMP network and not in the external protection (firewalls etc.).
- 2.4 Many of these improvements have been completed and the remainder are subject of a remediation plan. Work that has been completed includes removing instances of unsupported services from servers and updating machines that had patches missing.
- 2.5 The majority of the remaining actions concern replacing the few machines that still run XP in force. XP is an unsupported operating systems and as such Microsoft no longer provide security patches in the event of a vulnerability being exploited.
- 2.6 On the whole XP has been replaced however certain specialist machines such as those with DDA equipment or which connect to national sensitive systems still remain. To mitigate the risks these machines have addition controls implemented. These controls include removal of internet and email access to minimise the potential to receive
- 2.7 IT&D have a plan in place to update the machines and have confirmed that the work is due to complete in June 2017.

### **3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 That the Committee note the contents of this report.

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#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**