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Gwent Police Authority Audit and Resources Committee 25 June 2009 – Update paper

1. 2008-09 Financial Accounts audit

- The Outline Strategy for the financial and performance audit work for 2008-09 is being agreed with the Authority and the Force.
- The financial audit planning has now been completed, and the interim audit visit considering the systems and controls processes used to produce the financial statements has been completed.
- There are no major systems or control weaknesses that we need to bring to your attention at this time and we will be following up on some areas as part of our final audit visit which starts at the end of July.
- Timings for our other work at the Authority have been agreed with management.

2. 2008-09 Performance audit work

- Fieldwork for the Data quality review has been completed and we are in the process of drafting the report. The final report is expected to be issued by the end of June 2009.
- We have proposed a number of areas of performance work that are being considered by management for specific pieces of local performance work.

3. 2008-09 PURE review

- Guidance to auditors and police authorities has been sent out to auditors and this has been passed onto the Authority and the Force. This guidance emphasises that the focus is on the outcomes for citizens than the processes used to deliver them. A clear message is that scores are likely to be lower across England and Wales as a result.
- We are currently undertaking the work and have had a number of useful meetings with both Force and Authority to clarify evidence and URE requirements.

4. Police Authority Inspections

- Gwent Police Authority had been selected to be part of the first tranche of inspections in autumn 2009.
- Along with representatives of the Authority we attended a stakeholder conference in London that considered the methodology and content of the inspections. The consultation document on the inspection methodology has been issued and the consultation period closed on 10 June 2009.
- The updated methodology is awaited.

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