

## Joint Audit Committee

**Purpose:** The Joint Audit Committee (JAC) was established in November 2012 following the introduction of elected Police and Crime Commissioners.

The committee was established provide an independent and high-level focus on the audit, assurance and reporting arrangements that underpin good governance and financial standards.

**Membership:** The JAC is made up of up to 6 appointed members. Members are appointed to serve a 5 year term and may re-apply to serve a second five year term and are subject to a ten year maximum term of office.

**Meetings:** The JAC meets 4 times per year, meetings are open to the public and regular attendees at the meetings include:

- The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Chief Executive,
- The Deputy Chief Constable
- The OPFCC/Fire Chief Finance Officer
- The Constabulary Chief Finance Officer
- The Chief Fire Officer
- External Audit (Grant Thornton)
- Internal Audit (MIAA Ltd)
- Financial Services Assistant (who provides support to the committee)

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**Malcolm Iredale** – Malcolm joined the committee in September 2016 and took over as chair of the committee in April 2025.

Malcolm trained and worked in an English Local Authority before moving to Scotland to work as a Local Government Auditor - both external and internal, including Police Authorities. He then spent over 20 years in the Highlands as a Director of Finance in both Local Government and the NHS, with a particular interest in the delivery of public services in remote and rural areas. He has subsequently undertaken procurement roles at both local and national level, and now serves as a Trustee of a local charity.



**Wing Commander (Retired) Tim Mann** – Tim joined the committee in June 2021.

Tim is a retired Royal Air Force senior officer with over 40 years' experience in the leadership, governance and assurance of large complex and highly regulated organisations. He comes from Loganair Ltd where he was Director of Safety, Security and Compliance. Prior to that he was the consultant responsible for aligning the Quality and Safety management systems in the Omani air force with ISO standards. His career as a 'fast jet' engineer has taken him to the Falklands, the United States and most of the Middle Eastern countries. He has held numerous peacetime and operational command appointments where he has specialised in Strategic Management, Engineering Airworthiness, Safety, Quality, Governance, Operational Planning, Risk Assessment, and Project Management. His early career was at Rolls-Royce, he is a chartered engineer, a Henley MBA graduate and holds Fellowships with the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Chartered Management Institute. He is currently undertaking postgraduate Consultancy studies. He is also a serving committee member of the Glasgow and South-West Scotland Group of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.



**Jake Cornthwaite** - Jake joined the committee in August 2022.

Jake has held a number of commercial roles nationally and internationally at BAE Systems. In these roles, Jake has developed and administered systems of good governance, gained considerable experience in negotiating and managing complex, high value contracts, and been appointed to a programme board for a multi-billion-pound programme. Prior to commencing his career, Jake studied law at Oxford University.



**Michael Roper** - Michael joined the committee in December 2022.

Michael is an experienced Local Government Internal Auditor, having held numerous roles across Cumbria over the last 15 years. Michael is currently managing Internal Audit services for Carlisle City, Copeland and Allerdale Borough Council, prior to the intended Local Government Reorganisation in April 2023, which will see the three services merge with part of Cumbria County Council to form a new Cumberland Council. Michael obtained a degree in Accountancy & Finance and has also had experience of complex legal disputes and delivery of accountancy services as part of his career.



**Susan Giles** - Susan joined the Committee in March 2025.

Susan is an experienced governance professional and company secretary. With over 20 years' experience in the NHS she is currently supporting a large NHS Trust as Interim Director of Governance. She also Chairs South Liverpool Domestic Abuse Services, is a Trustee of North West Cancer Research and is a Non-Executive Director at the Immigration Advice Authority. Susan also sits as a Lay Member for Social Care Wales and Independent Person for York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority.

Susan gained a distinction in Healthcare Governance from the Chartered Governance Institute of UK & Ireland and was recognised in their annual Excellence in Governance awards for her work improving Board governance in a challenged NHS Trust.



**John Barradell** – John joined the Committee in March 2025.

Living in Carlisle, John was lately Chief Executive of the City of London Corporation, previously running Brighton and Hove City Council and being Deputy Chief Executive at Westminster City Council. John has had senior leadership roles within the public sector for 20 years in addition to private sector IT companies and voluntary organisations. He led the Government Grenfell Recovery Taskforce and the London oversight group for COVID-19 and is Chair of the National Emergencies Trust which provides widespread support for communities at times of emergencies. John chairs the local board of the James Rennie Specialist School in Carlisle.