

For Decision	
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Report to:	Joint Audit and Scrutiny Panel
Date of Meeting:	28 September 2017
Report of:	Chief Finance Officer
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Agenda Item:	6

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENTS FOR 2016-17

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide members with a copy of the audited statement of accounts and annual governance statements for 2016-17.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are requested to:
- Having examined the statements provided to recommend the accounts and governance statements to the Police & Crime Commissioner for approval.
 - Also recommend the accounts and governance statements to the Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable for signing.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 This complies with the Accounts and Audit regulations and good financial governance.

4. Summary of Key Points

- 4.1 The attached statements provide a fair view of the financial position of the Chief Constable, Police & Crime Commissioner and group as a whole.
- 4.2 The statements of the Chief Constable show the cost of policing and provision of services to deliver the Police & Crime Plan.
- 4.3 The Group accounts also include the financial statement relating to the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner.
- 4.4 These accounts represent fairly the financial position of the Group and its individual entities.
- 4.5 These accounts have been published within the timescale required by legislation for next year. In preparing this way we have been able to incorporate

a new software solution that will make the process fully efficient and effective for the 2017-18 Statements.

- 4.6 As the Chief Finance Officer I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Senior Financial Accountant for her hard work in ensuring a new system has been introduced and new deadlines have been achieved. Particularly, with the absence of a key member of staff. I would also like to thank the other members of staff within Finance and the OPCC that have worked hard and responded often at short notice to ensure these accounts are published. Finally, but not least I would like to thank the Consultant from CIPFA that has made many changes to the system to ensure it is fit and compliant for OPCC's and Forces and the ways in which we work that differ from Local Government.

5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

- 5.1 None as a direct result of this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

- 6.1 None as a direct result of this report.

7. Equality Implications

- 7.1 None as a direct result of this report.

8. Risk Management

- 8.1 None as a direct result of this report.

9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

- 9.1 This complies with the Financial Regulations which underpin the achievement of all Police & Crime Plan priorities.

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

- 10.1 This complies with the current Accounts and Audit Regulations.

11. Details of outcome of consultation

- 11.1 The draft accounts were made available for public inspection and published on the websites for comment.

12. Appendices

- A – The Chief Constable's Statement of Accounts 2016-17
B – The OPCC and Group Statement of Accounts 2016-17