

For Decision	
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Report to:	Audit and Scrutiny Panel
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Draft Group Annual Governance Statement 2015-16

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This is to provide members with the opportunity to identify anything that should be included from the assurance that they have received during the year and not currently identified within the draft statement.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are requested to approve the draft group annual governance statements for 2015-16.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To meet the requirement to publish an approved AGS in accordance with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011, Regulation 4 (3), to report publicly on the extent to which the organisation complies with its Joint Code of Governance.
- 3.2 This complies with the principles of good governance.

4. Summary of Key Points

- 4.1 Both legal entities are required to produce annual governance statements as evidence of the assurance being given relating to the operation of both legal entities and the resources used.
- 4.2 The draft statement from the Chief Constable is fed into the overall joint statement, which includes the Police & Crime Commissioners statement. These are provided at **Appendix A and B**.
- 4.3 The continuing financial climate for policing is resulting in significant changes to the way in which the service and its support functions will be provided in the future. It is therefore imperative that there are sound systems of governance in place.

- 4.4 Both statements identify significant governance issues identified by internal audit and other external agencies that have been identified in the year and are in the process of being addressed as a priority. Updates on the progress made against these recommendations will be reported to the Audit & Scrutiny Panel through 2016-17.

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. By producing these statements we mitigate any risk associated with non-compliance of statutory regulations and our ability to demonstrate the application of good governance principles within the functions and operations of the OPCC and Force.

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

- 9.1 This complies with regulatory requirements and best practice for good governance.

10 Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

- 10.1 None

11 Details of outcome of consultation

- 11.1 For the overall group and PCC statement the Chief Executive, Chief Constable and the Chief Finance Officer provide assurance through the completion of governance review questionnaires. The outcomes of which are included within the statement.
- 11.2 For the Force statement all Divisional and Departmental Heads, and some members of their respective Senior Management Teams, were consulted throughout the annual governance review process. The outcomes were included in the individual Assurance Statements and the final AGS, which is approved by the Chief Officer Team.

12. Appendices

- A – Draft Group and PCC Annual Governance Statement 2015-16
- B – Draft Chief Constable Annual Governance Statement 2015-16