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DRAFT GROUP ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENTS 2014-15

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 2014-15.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 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 included the Police & Crime Commissioners statement. This 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 2015-16.

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 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 Not applicable.

12. Appendices

A – draft Group and PCC Annual Governance Statement

B – draft Chief Constable Annual Governance Statement