

For Consideration & Comment	
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DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENTS 2013-14

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide members of the Audit & Scrutiny Panel with the draft annual governance statements for the annual statement of accounts 2013-14.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are requested to consider the draft statements from the OPCC and Force and make comments on any additional matter they recommend to be included.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 This complies with the principles of good governance.

4. Summary of Key Points

- 4.1 Each of the legal entities is required to review governance arrangements and then produce an annual governance statement. The Police & Crime Commissioner should have regard to the statement produced by the Force and agreed by the Chief Constable when considering the accounts and governance arrangements for the Group.
- 4.2 These statements are draft documents until the final statements are published with the statement of accounts in September.
- 4.3 A further statement from the Region will also be made available.

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 is directly linked to the Joint Corporate Code for Governance and complies with best practice as recommended by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA).

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

10.1 The production of the annual governance statements by both legal entities meets the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

11. Details of outcome of consultation

11.1 Within the force process of assurance review the Chief Officer Team, Heads of Department and Divisional Heads are consulted and complete an assurance return.

11.2 Within the OPCC the process is the same but limited to the Chief Executive and the Chief Finance Officers. The assurance returns of the Chief Constable and ACO Resources are also part of this process.

12. Appendices

12.1 Two Draft Annual Governance Statements are attached:

- A- The Draft Annual Governance Statement of the Chief Constable
- B- The Draft Annual Governance Statement of the Police & Crime Commissioner