

**JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
**18 May 2023**

SUBJECT	<b>CC and PCC AGS 2021/22</b>
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<b>SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT</b>	
The purpose of this report is to present the draft CC & PCC Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2021/22 to the Joint Audit and Scrutiny Panel for review.	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<i>That the Committee review and comment on the contents of the Annual Governance Statement.</i>

**A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1.1 Both the CC and PCC produce an Annual Governance Statement to meet the requirement to publish an approved AGS in accordance with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, Regulation 6.
- 1.2 The Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) in association with the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) published the current 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government' Framework in 2016. This sets the standard for governance in local government in the UK. The Framework is intended to assist local government bodies develop and shape an informed approach to governance and to achieve the highest standards in a measured and proportionate way. The Framework was supplemented by police specific guidance which was also revised by CIPFA in 2016.
- 1.3 The attached AGS will be signed once the audit of the accounts is complete. Attached to this document at Appendix A and B respectively is a final draft version of the Chief Constable's and the PCC's AGS for 2021/22.
- 1.4 Both the Police and Crime Commissioner's and the Chief Constable's AGS will be published, along with the Statement of Accounts, on the PCC's website.
- 4.3 The previous format of the PCC AGS has been continued for this 2021/22 iteration. The format and content will be subject to a thorough review for the 2022/23 production.

**B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial implications of the report.

**C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS**

None.

**D. PERSONNEL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**  
(including any impact or issues relating to Children and Young People)

None.

**E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS**

The draft 2021/22 AGS was reviewed at the November 2022 JIAC meeting, this is now the final version with previously missing data now included. The review of the AGS is on the JIAC forward work plan.

**F. RISK MANAGEMENT**

Risk governance is an integral part of the Joint Independent Audit Committee's remit. It is reflected on the forward plan accordingly. The management of risk is an integral part of the code of governance and the annual governance statement.

**G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

Information in this report along with any supporting material is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.