Joint Audit Committee

31 July 2026

Report Title	Draft AGS 2025/26 (PCC & CC)
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Risk register reference	N/A
Previous papers to Committee	Draft AGS 2024/25 (PCC & CC) 31 July 2025
Report summary	**Draft AGS 2025/26 (PCC)** Key developments during the year included the re-election of the PCC in May 2024. Governance arrangements continue to be delivered through a well-established framework, including the Scheme of Governance, Financial Regulations, risk management processes, and joint oversight arrangements with the Chief Constable. The PCC continues to hold the Chief Constable to account through the Police Accountability Board and ensures effective stewardship of public funds, partnership working, performance oversight and victim support services. Governance arrangements are aligned to the CIPFA Good Governance Framework and provide reasonable

	assurance that risks are identified, managed and monitored appropriately. Overall, the PCC remains committed to maintaining and continually reviewing governance arrangements to ensure transparency, accountability and effective service delivery. **Draft AGS 2025/26 (CC)** The draft Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26 confirms that the Constabulary maintained an adequate and effective framework of governance, risk management and internal control, aligned to the CIPFA/SOLACE good governance principles. During the year, governance was strengthened across business planning, collaboration, value for money, financial management, workforce planning, culture, equality, performance and transparency. CamSTRA continues to support integrated planning and a balanced financial position, while major projects have been subject to enhanced scrutiny, including the decision to cease the BCH Monks Wood project and continued delivery oversight of Milton Police Station. The report draws assurance from internal audit, external audit, HMICFRS inspection activity and the Joint Audit Committee. It notes progress in addressing prior governance issues, including HMICFRS causes of concern, firearms licensing governance, officer establishment, the McCloud pensions remedy, and highlights future considerations including police reform, PCC devolution, cyber security, business continuity and external audit recovery. These are covered in Section 10 of the report.

Purpose of the report	Update/progress report	
	Provide assurance	
	Present audit findings	
	Risk escalation	
	Policy/strategy review	
	Statutory requirement	
	Other… Review the draft AGSs	Yes
Related Police and Crime Plan Pillar	N/A	
Source(s) of assurance	Internal Audit	Yes
	External Audit	
	Internal management controls	Yes
	Independent review	
	Inspection findings	
	Other *(please specify)*	
Key issues, assurances and concerns	**Draft AGS 2025/26 (PCC)** The Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26 concludes that the OPCC has appropriate governance, risk management and internal control arrangements in place to support the effective discharge of the Police and Crime Commissioner's statutory responsibilities. **Update since JAC meeting planned for May 2026** Both Draft AGSs passed through the Police Accountability Board 7 July 2026. Minor amendments made. Both Draft AGSs published on respective Websites.	
Recommendation	Review the draft AGS and consider whether they properly reflect the governance, risk and control environment and supporting assurances, and identify any actions required for improvement.	