



**To:** Joint Audit Committee

**From:** Chief Constable

**Date:** 18 March 2014

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on Operational Risk Management to the Joint Audit Committee.

### **2. Background**

2.1 The recent internal audit assessed risk management within the constabulary as green amber. As a result the constabulary can take reasonable assurance that the controls on which the organisation relies to manage in this area are suitably designed, consistently applied and effective.

2.2 Several areas where improvements can be made have been identified and will be considered by the risk review board in March.

### **3. Corporate Risk Management**

3.1 To ensure effective internal governance and scrutiny around risk, the force has established a Risk Review Board. This is chaired by the DCC and meets monthly, to be attended by the Director of Finance and Resources, the Force Risk Manager and the Force Risk Officer. An optional invitation will be extended to the Assistant Chief

Constable and others will be invited as necessary, for example to provide further detail of a particular risk or group of risks.

- 3.2 The inaugural meeting of the risk review board was held on 27th February 2014. At this meeting, the terms of reference of the group were defined, the escalation process to FEB was discussed and operational risks were reviewed and rescored where necessary. The Board will consider the response to the recent audit and develop an action plan to address the recommendations highlighted.
- 3.3 The new Board will also ensure that collaboration risks, currently managed through Hertfordshire Constabulary, are reviewed and will act as a conduit in respect of reporting lines to the Force Executive Board, the joint Business Continuity Board and the Joint Audit Committee.
- 3.4 An ACPO member of the Risk Review Board will present and champion the risk review at the Force Executive Board to ensure a rigorous process.
- 3.5 Cambridgeshire Constabulary Risk & Opportunity Policy' and '4Risk R&O Procedure and Guide' will be updated to reflect these changes.

**4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 The Board is invited to note the content of the report.

**5. Appendices**

<b>Appendix A – Constabulary Risk Register</b>	 Cambs Constabulary Corporate Operation
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