



**To:** Joint Audit Committee

**From:** Chief Executive and Chief Constable

**Date:** 23 June 2014

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK (INCLUDING THE CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE)**

**1 Recommendation**

1.1 To approve the updated Corporate Governance Framework.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Corporate Governance Framework gives clarity to the two corporation soles (the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable) to the way they will govern both jointly and separately.

2.2 The framework was originally adopted in November 2012, when the Police and Crime Commissioner took office and sets the core principles to be adopted by both corporation soles. These principles are adopted from the “Good Governance Standard for Public Services” produced by the independent commission of good governance in public services, chaired by Sir Alan Langlands. The six principles are:

- Focus on outcomes for local people,
- Clarity of roles and functions,
- Promotion of values and demonstrating these through behaviour,
- Informed, transparent decisions and managing risk,
- Developing capacity and capability
- Engaging with local people to ensure robust accountability.

2.3 The Framework sets out the instruments for governance, how the corporations soles will govern in accordance with the six principles above and the adoption of the Seven

Nolan Principles (Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership).

### **3 UPDATED CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK**

- 3.1 The Corporate Governance Framework has been updated to reflect current arrangements that are in place for the two corporation soles. As the Governance arrangements are further reviewed this framework will be updated accordingly.
- 3.2 Updates to the framework include:
- 3.3 Ensuring the framework reflects the appropriate review and decision making structure (i.e. Reflects the role of the Business Co-Ordination Board
- 3.4 Principles, Policies and Procedures reflect current arrangements
- 3.5 Update of current practices of how the two corporation soles govern in accordance with the six principles.

### **4 Next Steps**

- 4.1 The Corporate Governance Framework will be reviewed and updated as and when policies and procedures for the two corporation soles are either developed or updated. The framework will then be re-presented to both the Business Co Ordination Board and the Joint Audit Committee.

### **5 Recommendation**

- 5.1 To approve the update to the Corporate Scheme of Governance Framework.