

ORIGINATOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PAPER NO. AC13/4

SUBMITTED TO: AUDIT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

SUMMARY:

1. Under its core functions the Committee is required, amongst other things, to be satisfied that the required Annual Governance Statements properly reflect the risk environment. A necessary pre-requisite to the production of an Annual Governance Statement is the production of a Code of Corporate Governance. Each year the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Chief Constable, as corporation soles and thereby separate legal entities, must each produce Annual Governance Statements. The PCC recently adopted a Code of Corporate Governance (Decision 18 – 2013, dated 4 March 2013), attached at Appendix A.
2. The PCC will, by reference to the Code of Corporate Governance, review the effectiveness of the PCC's governance arrangements. The work to produce the PCC's Annual Governance Statement 2013 has now commenced in order that it will be available to accompany the PCC's Statement of Accounts that must be approved by the end of September 2013.
3. The Code of Corporate Governance is accordingly a key governance document and it is now presented to the Committee for consideration as a prelude to its consideration of the PCC's Annual Governance Statement later during the year.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Committee is recommended to consider the Code of Corporate Governance adopted by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The summary sets out the issue for consideration.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2.1 There are no financial implications of any significance arising from consideration of this paper.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

3.1 There are no other implications or risks of significance associated with consideration of this paper.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No – originator is a Solicitor and the Monitoring Officer.
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Not applicable.
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Not applicable.
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	No – not considered necessary.
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Yes