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ORIGINATOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PAPER NO. AC13/9

SUBMITTED TO: AUDIT COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

SUMMARY:

1. The draft Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Annual Governance Statement is now submitted to the Audit Committee for consideration in advance of its adoption by the PCC in readiness for the approval of the PCC's Statements of Accounts by the end of September.
2. The Statement is a review of the effectiveness of the PCC's governance arrangements by reference to the PCC's Code of Corporate Governance and by reference to nationally available guidance.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Committee is recommended to consider the PCC's draft Annual Governance Statement (attached at Appendix A).

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting on 25 March 2013 the Committee considered the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Code of Corporate Governance. The Code is a necessary pre-requisite to the production of the PCC's Annual Governance Statement.
- 1.2 Each year the PCC and Chief Constable, as corporation soles and thereby separate legal entities, must by virtue of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011, each produce Annual Governance Statements. A draft Annual Governance Statement has been prepared on behalf of the PCC for consideration (attached at Appendix A). The Annual Governance Statement provides the opportunity to review the effectiveness of the PCC's governance arrangements by reference to the Code of Corporate Governance.
- 1.3 The Annual Governance Statement has been prepared with reference to the framework "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government" published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) in 2007 and the Guidance Note for Police also published by CIPFA in 2012.
- 1.4 The Annual Governance Statement must accompany the PCC's Statement of Accounts which must be approved by the end of September 2013.
- 1.5 The Annual Governance Statement is a key governance document and is now presented to the Committee for consideration prior to its approval and adoption by the PCC before the end of September 2013.

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?	The 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?	The draft Annual Governance Statement has been shared with the Constabulary and the internal and external auditors.
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