JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT	**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS GOVERNANCE MEETINGS – ACTION LOG**
REPORT BY	**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To present the latest iteration of the Action Log for Professional Standards Governance meetings.	
RECOMMENDATION	***That the Action Log attached at Appendix 1 be noted.***

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Police and Crime Commissioners are responsible for delivering an effective and efficient police service within their force area and to provide stronger and more transparent accountability of the police. Commissioners are elected by the public with the mandate to hold chief constables and their force to account; effectively making the police answerable to the communities they serve.

1.2 The Police Reform Act 2002 (as amended) and the Police (Complaint and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 provide the legislative framework for the handling of complaints, conduct and death and serious injury matters. The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) issues statutory guidance on the handling of complaints.

1.3 The Police and Crime Commissioner is the appropriate authority for dealing with complaints and misconduct matters against the chief constable and the chief constable is the appropriate authority for all police officers and staff under his or her direction and control.

1.4 Under Section 15 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (as amended) Commissioners have a statutory duty to ensure that they kept informed about matters relating to the police complaints system.

2. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

2.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner has established Professional Standards Governance (PSG) meetings to assist with exercising his responsibility for oversight of police complaints. A copy of the terms of reference for PSG meetings is attached at Appendix 1.

2.2 The Committee has requested sight of the PSG Action Log for assurance around Professional Standards matters and as part of their role in reviewing and monitoring procedures for addressing anti fraud and corruption within the Force. A copy of the latest iteration of the Action Log is attached at Appendix 2.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

None.

D. PERSONNEL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES (including any impact or issues relating to Children and Young People.)

None.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

None planned.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

None.

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Information in this report along with any supporting material is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.