Appendix 2

Significant Governance Issues (April 2013 – November 2013)

Issue	Date
Annual Report published	June 2013
HMIC report – Policing in Austerity: Rising to the Challenge (impact of the current financial landscape across the police service, including Lincolnshire).	July 2013
Stop and Search Action Plan commissioned in response to HMIC Report on the use of stop and search powers.	July 2013
Joint Equality and Diversity Annual Report published	September 2013
Audit Commission requires an explicit statement confirming compliance with the CIPFA Statement on the role of the CFO in the Police Service in the Annual Governance Statement 2012/13.	October 2013
Confidential Reporting (Whistleblowing) policy reviewed and updated (Force, OPCC and G4S).	October 2013
Mandatory training on counter corruption – completed (2,126 completed via NCALT e-learning system).	October 2013
Stage 2 Transfers. Preparations for Stage 2 Transfers are under way. A proposal has been submitted to the Home Office. A response is awaited.	November 2013
Independent Review of PCSOs Remuneration. Report to Audit Committee.	November 2013
Joint Independent Audit Committee – recruitment and induction.	November 2013
Turnover in Chief Officer Team including recruitment of Chief Constable.	June - November 2013

Members will note that the criteria for defining how significant governance issues are identified:[1]

- those highlighted through the Commissioner's Register of Decision Notices[2]
- those highlighted to the Police and Crime Panel through the quarterly update report.
- any additional issues highlighted through the code of corporate governance, the risk registers and the assurance framework or other governance mechanisms.
- any other governance issue that the Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer or Force Chief Finance Officer wish to bring to the attention of the Audit Committee.

[1] The issue will generally only be highlighted if it isn't already being considered by the Audit Committee through standard business i.e. through the forward plan or on individual agendas.
[2] The Commissioner is required by law to publish a record of each decision of significant public interest.