JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT	**CODES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**
REPORT BY	**CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To consider and note the revised Codes of Corporate Governance.	
RECOMMENDATION	***That the Committee considers and notes the attached codes of corporate governance.***

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.1 The Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) in association with the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) originally published the '*Delivering Good Governance in Local Government'* Framework in 2007. The framework was reviewed in 2015 and an updated version was published in 2016. This sets the standard for governance in local government in the UK. The Framework is intended to assist local government bodies develop and shape an informed approach to governance and to achieve the highest standards in a measured and proportionate way. The Framework was supplemented by police specific guidance which was also revised by CIPFA in 2016[1].

1.2 The 2016 Framework outlines seven core principles of good governance and the CIPFA guidance demonstrates how the principals can be applied. It also identifies the corporate processes and external requirements that underpin each principle.

1.3 The 2016 changes to the Framework and the principals it contains required the PCC and the Chief Constable as separate corporations sole to revise each of their existing Codes of Corporate Governance to ensure that the core good governance principles are fully integrated into how they conduct their respective businesses.

1.4 Annotated copies of the revised codes of corporate governance for both the PCC and Chief Constable have been attached at **Appendices A and B** to this report**.** The annotated copies identify sources of evidence of compliance against each of the behaviours appearing in the latest CIPFA guidance.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct financial implications.

[1] CIPFA 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government' guidance notes for Policing Bodies in England and Wales (2016).

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct considerations.

D. PERSONNEL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no direct issues.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements for the review of governance are described within the code of corporate governance including an annual review of the Code itself.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

The management of risk is an integral part of the code of corporate governance and the annual governance statement.

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.