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JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT	**CODES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report presents:

- The Code of Corporate Governance (annotated version) for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire, and
- The Code of Corporate Governance (annotated version) for the Chief Constable of Lincolnshire.

RECOMMENDATION	***That the Committee notes the attached codes of corporate governance.***

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. The Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) in association with the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) re-published the revised '*Delivering Good Governance in Local Government'* Framework 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].

2. The Commissioner and the Chief Constable each has a separate Code of Corporate Governance. Previously consideration was given to combining the two codes into one document. However, they have been retained as separate documents so that they reflect clearly the separate legal

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

identities of the PCC and the Chief Constable and their specific individual responsibilities.

3. The codes were previously reviewed by the JIAC in April 2019. The Commissioner and Chief Constable's codes have not changed since this date. The means by which the PCC complies with the requirements of the code have been updated as a consequence of adjustments in governance arrangements and the establishing of new roles and practices that support the work of the OPCC. The Chief Constable's sources of evidence have been updated to reflect changes in governance arrangements. Therefore refreshed annotated copies of the codes have been provided to re-iterate how the code is being met in practice.

4. Following assessment against the current CIPFA guidance[1] they continue to be considered to be fit for purpose.

5. Members are invited to consider both codes of corporate governance these are attached at Appendices 1 and 2.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct financial implications.

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 in each Code and include annual reviews of the codes.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

The management of risk is an integral part of each of the codes of governance.

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.