Agenda Item No

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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 for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire, and • The Code of Corporate Governance 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 identities of the PCC and the Chief Constable and their specific individual responsibilities.

3. The codes were previously reviewed by the JIAC in April 2022. The Commissioners and Force Codes have not changed materially since this

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

date, other than updating the version control template within the PCC's document. Following assessment against the current CIPFA guidance[1] they continue to be considered to be fit for purpose.

4. 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.