

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HAMPSHIRE AND
HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY**

JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE – 25 JUNE 2013

ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT AND OPINION 2012/13

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER TO THE POLICE AND
CRIME COMMISSIONER**

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide the Joint Audit Committee with the Chief Internal Auditor's opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the framework of risk management, internal control and governance operated for the year ending 31st March 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

This report recommends that:

- 2.1 The Joint Audit Committee considers and makes recommendations as appropriate, on the Chief Internal Auditor's annual report and opinion statement for 2012/13.

3. Chief Internal Auditor's Annual Report and Opinion

- 3.1 In accordance with proper internal audit practices, the Chief Internal Auditor is required to provide a written report reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control operated by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Hampshire Constabulary and this provides evidence to support the production and review of the Annual Governance Statement.
- 3.2 The Annual Report for 2012/13 provides the Chief Internal Auditor's opinion on the system of internal control and summarises audit work from which that opinion is derived for the year ending 31st March 2013.
- 3.3 The Joint Audit Committee's attention is drawn to the following points:
- Internal audit was compliant with the CIPFA Code of Practice for Internal Audit in 2012/13;
 - The revised internal audit plan for 2012/13 has been substantially delivered;
 - The OPCC and Hampshire Constabulary's framework of governance, risk management and management control is considered to be adequate and audit testing has demonstrated controls to be working in practice; and

- Where internal audit work identified areas where management controls could be improved or where systems and laid down procedures were not fully followed, appropriate corrective actions and a timescale for improvement have been agreed with the responsible managers.

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APPENDICIES:
Appendix A - Chief Internal Auditor's Annual Report and Opinion
2012/13.