

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

JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE – 17 MARCH 2016

CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

**REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER AND CHIEF
CONSTABLE**

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable are required to produce and maintain a Code of Corporate Governance. The governance arrangements in place overlap but are different. Consequently, it is necessary to produce a separate Code of Corporate Governance for each body. The Codes are produced using the same template and style so the similarities and differences are more easily identifiable.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

This report recommends that:

- 2.1 The Joint Audit Committee reviews the Codes and makes suggestions for amendments, as appropriate.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Code of Corporate Governance sets out the governance and accountability arrangements for the organisation. The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers (SOLACE) guidance states that the six core principles of good governance are:
- Focusing on the purpose of the organisation and on the outcomes for the community and creating and implementing a vision for the local area
 - Elected officials and staff working together to achieve a common purpose with clearly defined functions and roles
 - Promoting values for the organisation and demonstrating the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour
 - Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk
 - Developing the capacity and capability of elected officials and staff to be effective

- Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability
- 3.2 Good governance underpins good management, performance, engagement and stewardship of public money.
- 3.3 There is one minor change to the Codes of Corporate Governance reviewed last year. The amendment is that the 'Force Change Board' has been replaced by the 'HC2020 Steering Group' in the Constabulary's Code, in section 2.6 (page 4).
- 3.4 We are expecting new guidance from CIPFA shortly so it will be necessary to review the Code of Corporate Governance again when that guidance is published.

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APPENDICIES:

Police and Crime for Hampshire Commissioner Code of Corporate Governance

Hampshire Constabulary Code of Corporate Governance