

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

JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE – 31 MAY 2018

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENTS

**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 an Annual Governance Statement which is published alongside the statement of accounts. The Scheme of Corporate Governance and approach to the Annual Governance Statement is reflects the guidance issued last year.
- 1.2 The Annual Governance Statements for the Police and Crime Commissioner and Constabulary are separate documents recognising the different governance arrangements that are in place. The style and content of the statements has been developed in association with Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority to endeavour to meet the requirements of the new guidance. There is no requirement for the statements to be in the same format, it is just that we worked together to help each other produce draft statements to ensure that the requirements of the updated guidance were met.
- 1.3 Tracked changes have been left on these documents to allow easy reference to updates that have been made.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

This report recommends that:

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

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The CIPFA/SOLACE framework identifies seven principles of good governance:
 - Behaving with integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values, and respecting the rule of law
 - Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement

- Defining outcomes in terms of sustainable economic, social and environmental benefits
 - Determining the interventions necessary to optimise the achievement of the intended outcomes
 - Developing the entity's capacity, including the capability of its leadership and the individuals within it
 - Managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management
 - Implementing good practices in transparency, reporting and audit to deliver effective accountability.
- 3.2 The first two principles underpin the whole 2016 framework and are implicit in the remaining five principles. Good governance underpins good management, performance, engagement and stewardship of public money.
- 3.3 The specific guidance for policing bodies is covered in the CIPFA Delivering Good Governance Guidance Notes for Policing Bodies in England and Wales 2016 Edition. This can be found online for free at: <http://www.cipfa.org/policy-and-guidance/publications/d/delivering-good-governance-guidance-notes-for-policing-bodies-in-england-and-wales-2016-edition>

APPENDICIES:

Police and Crime for Hampshire Commissioner Annual Governance Statement

Hampshire Constabulary Annual Governance Statement