



west midlands
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AGENDA ITEM 07

**JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE
27th September 2019**

Corporate Governance Framework

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Joint Audit Committee of the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) and the Chief Constable's (CC's) joint Corporate Governance Framework before it is submitted to the Commissioner for approval.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This Committee's terms of reference includes maintaining an overview of the Corporate Governance Framework of the PCC and CC. The Framework sets out how the Commissioner and the Chief Constable conduct their organisation's business both jointly and separately, in accordance with policy contained within the Statement of Corporate Governance. To do this, the Framework highlights key enablers for ensuring good governance.
- 2.2 The purpose of the Statement of Corporate Governance, is to give clarity to the way the two corporation's sole, the PCC and the CC, will govern both jointly and separately, to do business in the right way, for the right reason and at the right time.
- 2.3 The Framework includes the following sections:-
- Joint Statement of Corporate Governance
 - Joint Code of Corporate Governance
 - Core Principles of Effective Governance (Annex to Joint Code of Corporate Governance)
 - Joint Scheme of Corporate Governance
 - Annex A: PCC Contract Standing Orders
 - Annex B: Financial Regulations

3. PROCESS

3.1 The joint Corporate Governance Working Group between the PCC's office and West Midlands Police has reviewed the Corporate Governance Framework over recent months to amend the Framework. The Appendix to this report includes the amended version of the Framework. The changes to the previous version include:-

- Changes to terminology within the Financial Regulations to reflect current work practices and terminology.
- Amendments to the settling of legal claims.
- Requirements for the PCC to approve property leases.
- Updates to reflect changes in post titles within the Force.

3.2 The above changes are of a minor nature and do not fundamentally change the Framework.

3.3 Following feedback from this Committee the Framework will be submitted to the Commissioner for approval.

4 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Committee are asked to comment on the attached draft Corporate Governance Framework.

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