



TITLE: Corporate Governance Framework

Ref: PCC/D/2019/33

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- 1.2 In accordance with established good practice, the Framework has again been reviewed by the Chief Executive, Treasurer, Chief Finance Officer and Head of Legal Services.
- 1.3 There are two primary changes that requires amendments to the Corporate Governance Framework. One is the dissolution of the alliance with Warwickshire, the other relates to the restructure of West Mercia Police with its consequential changes to post titles within the Scheme of Delegation and Financial Regulations.

PROPOSAL

That Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable approve and adopt the revised Corporate Governance Framework including the Financial Regulations.


APPROVAL OF

We hereby approve the above proposal.

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner

Signed 

West Mercia Chief Constable

Signed 

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL/EXEMPT FACTS AND FIGURES

SUPPORTING REPORT

1 Background

- 1.1 The Joint Corporate Governance Framework, which includes the Financial Regulations, has been in existence across the West Mercia since the inception of Police and Crime Commissioners and the creation of Chief Constables as separate legal entities. The Corporate Governance Framework was fundamentally reviewed for April 2014 with the transfer of staff to the Chief Constables. Further comprehensive reviews have been undertaken yearly since.
- 1.2 In accordance with established good practice, the Framework has again been reviewed by the Chief Executive, Treasurer, Chief Finance Officer and Head of Legal Services.
- 1.3 The following paper outlines the changes proposed to the Corporate Governance Framework as a result of that review.

2 Review

- 2.1 There are two primary changes that requires amendments to the Corporate Governance Framework. One is the dissolution of the alliance with Warwickshire, the other relates to the restructure of West Mercia Police with its consequential changes to post titles within the Scheme of Delegation and Financial Regulations
- 2.2 The document has been comprehensively reviewed. There are some minor changes in language in the first sections to make it as plain English as possible. The Scheme of Delegation has been updated to reflect changes in the Force organisational structure, and tightened up with associated sub-delegations from the statutory officers. There are improved transparency arrangements and an associated Decision-Making Policy and Procedure to support the delivery of good decision making and governance across the two organisations.
- 2.3 There are consequently a large number of changes to the Corporate Governance Framework which are not set out here

FINANCIAL COMMENTS

There are no financial implications arising out of this proposal.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioners may do anything which

is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner. That includes. entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not) and acquiring and disposing of property (including land).

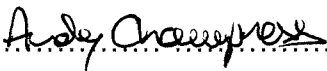
If the Corporate Governance Framework and Financial Regulations are not maintained then decision purportedly on behalf of either Police and Crime Commissioner or Chief Constable could be unauthorised and therefore illegal.

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OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive Officer

Signature  Date 2nd October 2019