

DELIVERING GOOD GOVERNANCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT: FRAMEWORK 2016**REPORT OF THE JOINT CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise the Committee that a revised Governance Framework for Policing Bodies applicable from 1 April 2016 will be published later this month. When it is we will provide the Committee with an analysis of any changes and recommendations to comply with the Framework where applicable.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework, first published by CIPFA in association with Solace in 2007, sets the standard for local authority governance in the UK. CIPFA and Solace reviewed the Framework in 2015 to ensure it remains 'fit for purpose' and published a revised edition in April 2016.
- 2.2 The new 2016 Framework defines the principles that should underpin the governance of each local government organisation including Policing Bodies. It brings the previous Framework up to date.
- 2.2 A specific version of the Framework for Police Bodies is to be produced to reflect the different structures that they have in place for governance compared with other local authorities. It is due to be published later this month. The revised framework has been developed with CIPFA, APCC, PACCTS, APACCE, and the NPCC.
- 2.4 An introductory text for the Guidance Notes circulated in draft for consultation earlier this year drew out the principles expressed in the Framework and that for most purposes the Policing Bodies Guidance notes can act as a complete and freestanding reference source. They will provide much more detail than in the past to assist in addressing the 7 main principles as set out in the Framework including addressing governance issues within the constantly changing models of service delivery including partnership, collaboration and arm's length operations. The authors of the revised framework have stated that they want it to be a living document that is constantly updated as matters change and that examples are shared and challenged. It is proposing to do this via a web based application.

2.6 The final guidance notes are not yet complete but when they are they will be available via a free download from the CIPFA website later this month.

2.7 When the final version is published a further report will be brought to their Committee setting out compliance requirements and any changes that we may need to consider to comply with the Framework.

3. Equal Opportunities Implications

3.1 It is considered that there are no equal opportunities implications arising from the report.

4. Human Rights Implications

4.1 It is considered that there are no human rights implications arising from the report.

5. Risk Management Implications

5.1 There are no additional risk management implications arising directly from this report. The implementation of the recommended actions should enhance the internal control environment of both the PCC and Chief Constable.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. Recommendations

7.1 To note the report.