

**CIPFA GUIDANCE NOTES ON DELIVERING GOOD GOVERNANCE**

**REPORT OF THE JOINT CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

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**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To advise the Committee that comprehensive guidance notes to support the revised Governance Framework for Policing Bodies 2016 have now been published and that the Joint Governance Group will review the framework and guidance notes in detail.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 A report was brought to the Committee on 20 June setting out the highlights of the revised CIPFA “The Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework” that was published 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.
- 2.3 Specific guidance notes for policing bodies have been developed with CIPFA, APCC, PACCTS, APACCE, and the NPCC and they were published at the end of July.
- 2.5 The guidance notes cover 60 pages and provide detailed information about the new principles of the framework including examples of the corporate processes, external requirements, advice which underpin the principles and numerous good practice examples. There is also a table that compares the principles from the Framework (2007) with those included in the revised Framework (2016). A copy of the guidance notes is included in the Appendix for information.
- 2.6 The Guidance Notes are not prescriptive. The Framework sets out high level principles, and every individual organisation should consider how best to apply the principles in a way that reflects local structures, functions and relationships.
- 2.7 The Joint Governance Group will review the framework and guidance notes and consider how best to apply the principles in a way that reflects local structures, functions and relationships and report back to the Committee.

**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.

**6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 To note the publication of the guidance notes that support the new framework and that the Joint Governance Group will review them and report in due course.