

JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT		CODES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT			
This report presents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Code of Corporate Governance for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire, and• The Code of Corporate Governance for the Chief Constable for Lincolnshire.			
RECOMMENDATION	That the Committee considers and notes the attached codes of corporate governance.		

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. The codes attached are based closely on the CIPFA / SOLACE Framework “Delivering Good Governance in Local Government.”
2. They are therefore similar in both format and content. Consideration was given to combining the two codes into one document. However, they have been retained as separate documents so that they reflect clearly the separate legal identities of the PCC and the Chief Constable and their specific individual responsibilities.
3. The codes were previously considered by the JIAC in April 2015. The PCC and Force Codes have not changed. Following review, they continue to be considered to be fit for purpose.
4. Members are invited to consider the codes of corporate governance attached at Appendices 1 and 2. The Commissioner’s Code of Corporate Governance and the Chief Constable’s Code of Corporate Governance have been assessed against the latest CIPFA guidance¹.

¹ CIPFA Delivering Good Governance in Local Government 2012 (Guidance Note for Police)

5. Members should note that a national review of the CIPFA good governance framework, principles and guidance is ongoing. The new framework and guidance notes will apply from 2016/17. A set of presentation slides on this subject, created by CIPFA, has been circulated to members in advance of the March 2016 JIAC meeting and this issue will be covered in agenda item 10.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct financial implications.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct considerations.

D. PERSONNEL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no direct issues.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements for the review of governance are described in each Code and include annual reviews of the codes.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

The management of risk is an integral part of each of the codes of governance.

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Information in this report along with any supporting material is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.