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Item 8

**Report of the Chief Constable to the Chair and Members of the Audit Committee**

**Executive & Presenting Officer: Mrs Joanne Gleeson, Chief Finance Officer**

**Status: For information**

**Corporate Governance Framework update**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 To provide Members with an update on amendments made to the Corporate Governance Framework to reflect changes made as part of the annual review.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 That Members note the content of this report.

**3. Background**

3.1 The Corporate Governance Framework is reviewed on an annual basis to reflect any changes in legislation or terminology that may be relevant.

3.2 The Framework has been reviewed by the Corporate Services Manager and the Strategic Finance Manager to ensure continuing accuracy and relevance and a number of changes have been made. The contract standing orders will be reviewed in May as in previous years and a further update will be provided once this has been completed.

3.3 A summary of the amendments that have been made is shown below:

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| **Section** | **Change** |
| 3 – Scheme of Corporate Governance | The scheme of delegation from the OPCC to the Chief Constable and beyond is currently under review and amendments will be included in the final version of the CGF when available and agreed. |
| 3.4.33 | Addition of a section describing the delegation of authority from the PCC to the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer with regard to complaints as follows.  Any functions to be performed by the Commissioner as local policing body, as a result of  (a)         the giving of notice given under s13A Police Reform Act 2002 as amended that any such functions are to be performed by the Commissioner rather than the Chief Officer (i.e. the operating of a police complaints-handling model); or  (b)         powers and duties required to be exercised arising directly or indirectly from such functions (i.e. taking action to deal effectively with such matters, having regard to such guidance as may be issued from time to time by the Independent Office for Police Conduct)  (c)          for the purposes of compliance with Paragraph 6A of Schedule 3 to the Police Reform Act 2002  i.      determinations as to whether the Commissioner is the relevant review body; and  ii.     undertaking reviews under Paragraph 6A of Schedule 3  Provided that the Commissioner expects that the Chief Executive will make such arrangements as the Chief Executive shall think fit to allocate roles to specific members of staff of the local policing body for the routine discharge of those delegated functions, as are necessary to ensure that the processes are lawful and the risk of conflict of interest is minimised (having regard also, to the arrangements made for the discharge of functions in respect of Chief Officer complaints and conduct). |
| 3.8.33 | Insertion of reference to Capital Strategy as part of the policy and planning framework of the PCC and Chief Constable. |
| Throughout | Amended ‘Chief of Staff’ to ‘Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer’ throughout to avoid confusion with police officer Chief of Staff post created in 2019 |
| Section F – contract standing orders | To be reviewed in May 2020 |

3.4 Members are asked to note that the amendments have been made. If members require an updated copy of the Corporate Governance Framework prior to the Audit Committee meeting then one can be requested through the OPCC. After the date of the meeting the updated framework will be published on the Force and OPCC websites.

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