



## **Report of the Chief Constable to the Chair and Members of the Audit Committee 25 March 2021**

**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, the Strategic Finance Manager and the Head of Procurement and Fleet to ensure continuing accuracy and relevance and a number of changes have been made.
- 3.3 A summary of the amendments that have been made is shown below:

<b>Para</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Change</b>
3.8.19	Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders	Removal of repetition of 'Monitoring Officer'
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A 2.3	Financial Management Framework	Amendment of 'Accounts and Audit regulations 2011' to 'Accounts and Audit regulations 2015'
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C 4.8 and 4.10	Management of Risk and Resources – Preventing Fraud and Corruption	Addition of the updated name for the whistle blowing policy - Reporting Professional Standards Concerns and Protected Disclosure Policy

F 2.2	Contract Standing Orders and Procurement Principles – Empowering regulations	Update the Data Protection Act from 1998 to 2018 which is the latest legislation inclusive of GDPR requirements.
F 6.29	Contract Standing Orders and Procurement Principles – Competitive Process	Removal of the European Journal and replacement with new Find a Tender Portal and Contracts Finder following exit from Europe.
F 7.1	Contract Standing Orders and Procurement Principles – Signing of Contracts	Limits increased from £50,000 to £150,000
F 8.3	Contract Standing Orders and Procurement Principles – Signing of Contracts/Statement of Works	Limits increased from £50,000 to £150,000
F 10.5	Contract Standing Orders and Procurement Principles – Subjects of General Application	Amendment of 'Directorate' of Standards and Ethics to 'Department' of Standards and Ethics
H 3	Guidance notes on breach of Standing Orders or Financial Regulations	Removal of repetition of 'Monitoring Officer'

- 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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