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**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number: 1/2012

Title: **Corporate Governance Framework**

Executive Summary: To conduct business properly, efficiently and to be accountable the Commissioner and the Chief Constable, as two separate corporations sole, must ensure that sound corporate governance arrangements are in place. The new Corporate Governance Framework is needed following the changes to the structure of policing set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The Framework proposed is based on the principles set out in the CIPFA/SOLACE framework: Delivering Good Governance in Local Government. It must become effective from 22 November 2012.

Recommendation(s):

- (i) With the reduction of the limit relating to External Funding, included in E2, being reduced from £500,000 to £100,000, approval is given to the Corporate Governance Framework, and
- (ii) The Framework is reviewed at the end of the financial year.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signature



Date 22.11.12

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
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DECISION RECORD: SUPPORTING REPORT FOR DECISION

Title: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

Date: 22 November 2012

1. Purpose:

The purpose of the report is to secure approval to the Corporate Governance Framework to operate from 22 November 2012.

2. Issue:

A new Corporate Governance Framework is required following changes to the structure of policing set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (PRSRA).

3. Recommendations:

- Approval is given to the Corporate Governance Framework;
- The Framework is reviewed at the end of the financial year.

4. Background:

To conduct business properly and efficiently and to be accountable the PCC and the Chief Constable must ensure that sound corporate governance arrangements are in place. The arrangements proposed are based on the six established principles set out in the CIPFA/SOLACE framework: *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government*.

The PCC and the Chief Constable as two corporations sole will be governed jointly and separately by the Framework.

This will include:-

- Statement of Corporate Governance – statutory framework and local policy
- Code of Corporate Governance – setting out how the core good governance principles will be implemented
- Scheme of Governance – defining the parameters within which the corporations sole will conduct their business

It seeks to ensure that decisions are not unnecessarily delayed. The Financial Regulations set out delegations from the PCC to the Chief Executive, the

DPCC and to the Police Force. Standing Orders Relating to Contracts ensure that all procurement delivers best value and is undertaken in a transparent, fair and consistent manner.

5. Options:

There is no option other than to adopt a new corporate governance framework following the legislative changes to policing taking place on 22 November 2012.

There are options to adopt alternative levels of delegation and delegated limits. The arrangements proposed replicate those currently in operation. The Standing Orders Relating to Contracts are those agreed regionally to support the Regional Procurement Unit.

The recommendation to review at the end of the financial year will provide an opportunity to ensure that the Framework is fit for purpose.

6. Risks/Implications:

Without an effective corporate governance framework the key risk is that the PCC and the Chief Constable would be unable to conduct business efficiently, transparently and within the law.

7. Financial Comments:

The governance arrangements capture and codify the new relationships following the restructuring of policing as a result of the PRSRA. Financial Regulations and Standing Orders Relating to Contracts are central to the proper financial administration of the affairs of the PCC and the Chief Constable.

8. Legal Comments:

The Scheme is in line with the respective powers of the PCC and the Chief Constable conveyed by the PRSRA and the Police Act 1996.

9. Equality Comments:

There are no equalities implications.

10. Next steps:

If the recommendations are accepted the Chief Executive will arrange for details of the Corporate Governance Framework to be made available to all staff.

Arrangements will be put in place to review how the Framework works in practice over the next four months to identify improvements and modifications.

11. Background/Supporting Papers

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011
Policing Protocol Order 2011
Financial Management Code of Practice for Police
Corporate Governance Framework – Police and Crime Commissioner for
Humberside and Humberside Police (Appendix 1)