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Police and Crime  
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## **Decision Application WPCC20149**

### **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW**

<b>Application Date:</b>	August 2020	<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	S Ansell, Treasurer
<b>Application Decision Reference: WPCC20149</b>			
<b>1. Summary of the application</b>			
<p>The risk management strategy for the OPCC has been fundamentally reviewed to create a risk management strategy specifically for Warwickshire OPCC. The former strategy was joint with West Mercia OPCC.</p>			
<b>2. Background information:</b>			
<p>The former joint Warwickshire/West Mercia OPCC risk management strategy has been fundamentally reviewed, to develop a Warwickshire OPCC only strategy. The review of the strategy is necessary to ensure that it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• reflects Warwickshire PCC's needs and approach to risk management (including process and procedure),</li><li>• to ensure that it complies with best practise and appropriate legislation,</li><li>• is more consistent with the approach taken by the force to make the document more 'familiar' to users and</li><li>• provides the appropriate governance arrangements for risk management, so that our risk register accurately reflects the risks for Warwickshire PCC, provides a suitable risk management framework, clear risk management objectives and benefits and also outlines the roles and responsibilities for dealing with risk at the OPCC.</li></ul> <p>The draft strategy has been considered and commented on by the Joint Audit and Standards Committee (JASC), prior to its finalisation and approval by the PCC. The style and content of the strategic risk register has also been reviewed as part of this process, and the first draft was also discussed at the JASC in late July. The strategic risk register is kept under regular review at the OPCC and is reported at each JASC meeting, to ensure that risks are managed effectively, that mitigating actions are appropriate, that there is a good governance approach to risk management at the OPCC.</p>			

**3. Whether additional information/report is attached to support this decision application**

**YES**

**List of additional information/report**

a) Risk management strategy

**4. Expected benefits (non financial)**

A relevant and up to date risk management strategy provides the framework to ensure that there are good governance arrangements in place for dealing with risk. It will also help to ensure that appropriate actions and mitigations can be put in place to reduce risk where possible.

**5. Impact of not approving the application**

The former risk management strategy had not been reviewed fully for some time and the strategy reflected the requirements of the Warwickshire and West Mercia PCC's. Given the ending of the alliance arrangements, there is no benefit to having a joint risk management strategy, and to ensure good governance the policy should be updated regularly to ensure it is up to date and reflects the current situation and practise.

**6. Costs**

**Revenue:** N/a

**Capital:** N/a

**7. Savings:**

None

**8. Equality and Diversity Implications:**

All relevant policies apply

**9. Treasurer's comments**

Managing risk effectively is essential in promoting good governance. Whilst there are no direct financial implications as a result of this strategy/policy review, not having the correct governance arrangements in place for managing risk could result in significant financial and non-financial implications for the PCC.

**10. Legal/Monitoring Officer comments**

A relevant and comprehensive risk management strategy will provide the OPCC with a framework to ensure that good governance arrangements are in place for

dealing with risk. It will also help to ensure that appropriate actions and mitigations can be put in place to reduce identified risks where possible.

**Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

To approve the revised risk management strategy for Warwickshire OPCC.



**PCC Signature:**

**Date of Decision:** September 2020