



**Philip Seccombe
Police and Crime
Commissioner
for Warwickshire**

Decision Application WPCC20168

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK 2021/22

Application Date:	March 2021	Name of Applicant:	Sara Ansell, Treasurer
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Application Decision Reference: WPCC20168

1. Summary of the application

The Joint Corporate Governance Framework including the financial regulations and schemes of delegation was last updated in March 2020 as part of the annual review process. The corporate governance framework includes the financial and contract procedure regulations and also the schemes of delegation for Warwickshire Police and the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The documents have been updated to reflect current requirements and once approved will apply fully to Warwickshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Warwickshire Police with effect from 1st April 2021.

2. Background information:

The Joint Corporate Governance Framework, which includes the Financial and Contract Procedure Regulations, has been in place in Warwickshire since the introduction of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The PCC and the Chief Constable are separate legal entities in their own right and the governance framework outlines the arrangement in place between the respective parties. The Corporate Governance Framework is comprehensively reviewed on an annual basis or more regularly if there are any significant changes to reflect.

As part of that annual review process and to ensure the document is up to date and reflects good governance across both organisations the Framework has been reviewed by a group of key stakeholders, including but not limited to the Treasurer, Director of Finance, legal services staff and the force Head of Contracts and Procurement.

The review has resulted in a number of changes most significantly to the contract procedure rules section to reflect the changes regarding the UK's exit from the EU and the resulting changes. Other changes are relatively minor in nature.

The schemes of delegation which supports the document for the PCC and the force details the names, areas of business and values attributed to specific individuals, along with any other sub-delegations to ensure that services operate effectively and reflect the transition of services to Warwickshire from the former

alliance arrangements with West Mercia. These documents are therefore not published as part of this decision notice, but will continue to be updated during the year to reflect changes in key personnel.

The Joint Audit and Standards Committee received copies of the documentation as part of the agenda for the March meeting, and their feedback on the reviewed framework has been incorporated into the final document for approval by the PCC.

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

YES

List of additional information/report

- a) Joint Corporate Governance Framework – PCC and Chief Constable for Warwickshire
- b) Financial and Contract Regulations – PCC and Chief Constable for Warwickshire
- c) Schemes of Delegation – Warwickshire Police, ***Exempt from Publication***
- d) Scheme of Delegation – Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, ***Exempt from Publication***

4. Expected benefits (non financial)

The review of this framework will ensure that Warwickshire OPCC and Chief Constable continue to have up to date and good governance arrangements in place to ensure that services can be delivered effectively, efficiently and provide value for money for Warwickshire communities.

5. Impact of not approving the application

The current Corporate Governance Framework will become outdated and not fit for purpose. It is essential that appropriate arrangements for good governance are in place in Warwickshire for 2021/22.

6. Costs

There are no direct financial implications arising from this decision. However the revised framework will ensure that effective procedures are in place for spending public funds in Warwickshire and should ensure that value for money is achieved from that spending.

7. Savings:

There are no direct savings arising from this decision. However the revised framework will ensure that the arrangements are in place for achieving value for money in Warwickshire.

8. Equality and Diversity Implications:

All relevant policies apply

9. Treasurer's comments

The Joint Corporate Governance Framework, which includes the financial and contract regulations in addition to the schemes of delegation for the OPCC and Warwickshire Police have been reviewed thoroughly and will ensure appropriate and robust governance arrangements are in place.

The documents have been reviewed by the Joint Audit and Standards Committee, albeit in a virtual format due to the cancellation of the last meeting due to Covid19, and their comments and feedback have been incorporated into the final document for approval.

The next formal review of the document will take place in March 2022.

10. Legal/Monitoring Officer comments

The Joint Corporate Governance Framework has been in place in Warwickshire since Police and Crime Commissioners were established. It has been reviewed and updated to reflect the new governance arrangements adopted between the Chief Constable of Warwickshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire.

The Joint Corporate Governance Framework is effective from the 1st April 2021 and has been approved by the Chief Constable of Warwickshire Police.

Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner

To approve and adopt the Joint Corporate Governance Framework, including the financial and contract regulations



PCC Signature:

Date of Decision: 17th March 2021