

## Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Subject:** Corporate Governance Framework Review 2023/24

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### Purpose of the report

The Corporate Governance Framework outlines how both organisations will be governed, both jointly and separately. This framework ensures that the primary objectives of the PCC and Chief Constable and the principal statutory framework within which the organisations operate is observed. As a result this framework should create an efficient and effective public sector relationship between the PCC and the Chief Constable with due regard to the operational independence of the Chief Constable. The framework and associated documents are reviewed annually to make sure they are up to date, reflect current practise and are fit for purpose. The documents will be approved prior to the start of the year by the PCC and Chief Constable.

### Recommendation

That the Joint Audit and Standards Committee note, feedback and comment on the reviewed Corporate Governance Framework, including the financial and contract regulations as adopted by the PCC and the Chief Constable before their final approval.

### Background

The document includes the statutory framework and local policies, outlines how core principles are to be implemented, sets the parameters within which the organisations will operate, and outlines the separate policies and procedures for the PCC and the force along with protocols for effective joint working where appropriate.

The Corporate Governance Framework document also includes the Financial and Contract procedure rules. These are designed to ensure the proper accountability of public funds and to ensure that the best value for money is achieved in acquiring all goods and services. The scheme of delegation for the PCC and for the force is a further supporting document which details the names, areas of business and values attributed to specific individuals, along with any other sub-delegations to ensure that services operate effectively. The scheme of delegation is an operational document, amended throughout the year, with agreement from the OPCC/Treasurer to reflect role changes, and personnel changes and is not produced here, due to the personal nature of some of the information.

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### **Executive Summary**

The Corporate Governance Framework is comprehensively reviewed on an annual basis or more regularly if there are any significant changes to reflect. The document was last reviewed in March 2022 by the Joint Audit and Standards Committee, prior to approval of the document by the PCC. The attached document outlines the updated framework and supporting documentation for 2023-24 and is based on feedback from the OPCC Treasurer, Chief Executive, Head of Business Assurance at the OPCC, legal staff, and the Director of Finance, the Head of Contracts and Procurement and the Head of A, S & I in the force.

Further changes may be necessary prior to the document being finalised for approval by the PCC in respect of delegations to the DPCC and also to firm up the governance around estates issues.

Other main changes relate to the procurement limits, various spelling and grammatical corrections, and changes around the arrangements for dealing with complaints reviews at the OPCC.