

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Annual Governance Statement for 2012/13
Decision number: 028/2013
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Executive Summary:

All Police & Crime Commissioners (PCCs) are required by the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 to produce an annual governance statement which must accompany the Statement of Accounts. This requirement is reflected in The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2012/13 (Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy, CIPFA).

An Annual Governance Statement should be an honest self-assessment of the organisation's performance across all of its activities and specifically, it should include the following information

- An acknowledgement of responsibility for ensuring there is a sound system of governance and internal control
- An indication of the level of assurance that the systems and processes that comprise the PCC's governance systems can provide
- A brief description of the process that has been applied in maintaining and reviewing the effectiveness of governance arrangements
- An outline of the actions taken to deal with any significant governance issues.

The AGS will be published as part of the Annual Statement of Accounts. It covers the financial year 2012/13 and as such, discusses the governance arrangements for both the out-going Police Authority and the Police & Crime Commissioner. The Chief Constable is obliged to produce a separate AGS, which will also be included in the Statement of Accounts.

Recommendation

That the PCC approves the Annual Governance Statement for 2012/13.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 01/07/2013

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

PCC's Chief Executive and PCC and Chief Constable's Chief Finance Officer.

Financial implications

None.

Legal

The AGS ensures the PCC is compliant with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011.

Risks

None.

Equality and diversity and human rights

None.