

Decision No 2014/23



REPORT TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

REPORT BY: Steve Freeman – Deputy Chief Finance Officer

DATE: 6 August 2014

TITLE: Annual Governance Statement 2013/14

Appendix A refers

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report requests that the Commissioner formally sign the Annual Governance Statement for inclusion in the 2013/14 PCC and Group Statement of Accounts.

The Annual Governance Statement (AGS) forms part of the statutory accounts. Following the change in the governance arrangements due to the election of Police and Crime Commissioners, group accounts are now required. Previously an AGS was produced for both organisations however for the first time separate AGS have been produced; one for the OPCC and one for the Constabulary.

The OPCC has now completed its annual review of governance arrangements and has documented its findings. The OPCC has undertaken a similar process to previous years, which has included completion of comprehensive schedules of evidence and a Certificate of Assurance for each main area of business. A copy of the Commissioner's Annual Governance Statement is attached at Appendix A.

The AGS has been considered and accepted by the Joint Audit Committee on 16 June 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner is recommended to sign the 2013/14 Annual Governance Statement set out in Appendix A.

Decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire:

Original decision, as set out in the attached report, approved without amendment (please delete as appropriate)	YES	NO
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Original decision required to be amended and decision as detailed below:
The reasons for the amended decision are as detailed below:

Police and Crime Commissioner: Comments
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The PCC is asked to consider any personal / prejudicial interests he may have to disclose in relation to the matter under consideration in accordance with the law, the Nolan Principles and the Code of Conduct.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation.

Signed: Police and Crime Commissioner Date:	Signed: Chief Officer: Date:
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Signed: Chief Constable Date:	Signed: Chief Finance Officer: Date:
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