

Report of the Chief Finance Officer/S151 Officer for the PFCC to the Chair and Members of the North Yorkshire Fire Independent Audit Committee

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Presenting Officer: Michael Porter, Chief Finance Officer

Status: For information

Code of Corporate Governance

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with a copy of, and the opportunity to review and scrutinise the Code of Corporate Governance for the PFCC FRA for North Yorkshire.

2 Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- 2.1 Note the contents of the report.
- 2.2 Approve the Code of Corporate Governance is subject to an annual review and that this is brought to the March meeting of the Audit Committee.
- 2.3 Provide any feedback on the contents of the Code, whether within the meeting or via email after having more time to read the document.

3 Reasons

- 3.1 The Home Secretary announced on the 13th June 2018 that the elected Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, will take on the governance of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. The legislation to enable this to come into effect passed on the 15th November 2018.
- 3.2 As a result of this change in Governance arrangements the PFCC has set out her initial Corporate Governance Framework, to be enacted at the point of transfer, and to ensure a seamless transition from the Governance

arrangements under the Fire and Rescue Authority to those that will be in place under the PFCC governance arrangements.

- 3.3 This Framework set out the key roles and responsibilities within the new Governance arrangements and makes it clear what powers and responsibilities are delegated to which role(s) and the limits within which people can operate.
- 3.4 The code of corporate governance sets out how the PCC FRA will be governed and it provides a framework which ensures that business is carried out efficiently, ensuring that decisions are not unnecessarily delayed and the delegations by the PFCC to senior officers are clearly stated.
- 3.5 Part of the Audit Committee Terms of reference is to '*Maintain an overview of the governance framework in respect of contract procedure rules, financial regulations and codes of conduct and behaviour*'. With this in mind the Code of Corporate Governance provides Members with the Framework that regulates how the organisation does business and the limits within which business and decision can take place.

4 Implications

4.1 Finance

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 Diversity & Equal Opportunities

There are no diversity or equal opportunities implications arising from this report.

4.3 Human Rights Act

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

4.4 Sustainability

There are no sustainability issues arising from this report.

4.5 Risk

There are no risk issues arising from this report.

5 Conclusion

- 5.1 This report provides Members with a copy of key governance document within the PFCC FRA and sets out how the organisation will be governed.

A link to the Code of Corporate Governance is provided below:

<https://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/fire-oversight/governance/nyfrs-framework/>