

**DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AUTHORITY  
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Corporate Governance Committee was held on 30 April 2008.

***Further information on the items referred to below is contained in the agenda, reports and minutes for the Corporate Governance Committee meeting held on 30 April 2008.***

**[CG/146] Firearms Inventories**

The Committee received an update report on the firearms inventory system.

The Chairman will register the Committee's strength of feeling with the Force that this project is driven through in a timely manner.

**[CG/147] Internal Audit Strategy**

The Chairman and Treasurer signed the Internal Audit Strategy which had been approved by the Corporate Governance Committee on 4 March 2008

**[CG/148] Draft Annual Internal Audit Report**

Members were presented with the draft Internal Audit Annual Report 2007/2008 for comment. The finalised annual report will be presented to the Committee in June 2008

**RESOLVED**

- i. To note the report;
- ii. That the Committee is content with the Internal Audit carried out in 2007/08 and reflected in the report and is happy to have this view reflected in the assessment of Internal Audit for the year;
- iii. That the Committee is content with the quality of Internal Control evidenced by the report and is happy to have this reflected in the Annual Corporate Governance Statement.

**[CG/149] Force Annual Assurance Statement**

Members considered the draft Annual Assurance Statement.

The Treasurer expressed his satisfaction with the quality of the work that has gone into preparing the Statement.

**[CG/150] Internal Audit Plan 2008/2009**

The draft Internal Audit Plan 2008/2009 was presented for Members' comment.

The Audit Plan is subject to change as new risks arise and audit activity is directed to different areas. The Plan was approved.

**RESOLVED** that the Internal Audit Plan 2008/2009 is approved.

**[CG/151] Financial Regulations**

Members considered the Key Controls document and the draft financial regulations.

The idea of this discussion is to give Members an early sight of developing proposals. The Treasurer stated the Committee could choose to commend the Financial Regulations to the Police Authority at its June meeting once all amendments were made. Further comments on the regulations were invited by the Treasurer and Head of Technical Accounting over the next three weeks.

## **RESOLVED**

- i. That powers in relation to Key Controls being delegated to the Treasurer should instead be delegated to the Treasurer in consultation with the Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee who has the power to call together the Corporate Governance Committee to reach a decision if needed.
- ii. That once further comments are received from individual members and officers, the Committee recommends to the Police Authority meeting in June that the Financial Regulations be adopted and included in the Police Authority's Constitution. If any of the points raised are significant, the Regulations will be brought back to the next meeting of this committee.

### **[CG/152] Presentation on the Management of Fraud Risk**

The Internal Auditor delivered a presentation on managing the Risk of Fraud. The presentation had been prepared in consultation with the Force Professional Standards Department.

### **[CG/153] Audit Commission Fees 2008/09**

Members approved the Audit Commission's fees of £84,720 for 2008/2009.

**Mr Carl Wallin**  
**Chairman, Corporate Governance Committee**