

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

A meeting of the Corporate Governance Committee was held on 19 September 2006.

Further information on the items referred to below is contained in the agenda, reports and minutes for the Corporate Governance Committee meeting held on 19 September 2006.

[CG /46] Election of Chairman

As Mr Mike Bull, the previous committee chairman, has been elected as Chairman of the Performance Management Committee he is no longer a member of the Corporate Governance Committee. Mr Bryan Preston was elected as Chairman.

[CG/50] Internal Audit

- (A) the committee considered a progress report from Devon Audit Services on the audits undertaken in the current financial year
- (B) The Committee considered a report outlining the proposals for providing the internal audit function in the future. From 1 October 2006 Ed Wardle will transfer from the employment of Devon Audit Services, (where he has been undertaking audit work for the Police Authority) to the police authority reporting directly to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee. The audit activities will continue to be supplemented by the staff of Devon Audit Services who will continue to be supervised directly by the Deputy Head of Internal Audit, Robert Hutchins, for the remaining six months of the 2006/07 financial year in order to complete the audit plan under the current SLA. The budget implications for each organisation will be neutral. From April 2007, Ed Wardle will be tasked to establish an internal audit function specifically for the Authority. The Treasurer will delegate the management of the budget for internal audit to the postholder who will initially buy in 130 days of audit input, predominantly sourced from Devon Audit Services. The DAS audit team have built up the knowledge, expertise and experience to provide assurance on police financial and operational systems over many years.

[CG/53] Police Authority Risk Register

The Police Authority has compiled a Risk Register which is reviewed by the committee on a 6 monthly basis.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- responsibility for scoring / rating the risk
- the staff resilience rating and the controls to manage the risk
- cross references between the Authority and Force Risk Registers

[CG/55] Annual Governance Report

The Committee considered the Annual Governance Report prepared by the District Auditor. Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- the new process required by the International auditing Standards
- the relationship and working arrangements between the Authority and the Force
- Contract / procurement rules
- Consolidation of the Medium Term Financial Strategy into one document

[CG/56] Response To Internal Audit Report On Firearms

The report provided the Committee with an update on the implementation of a computerised asset/inventory system which is substantially behind schedule. It was resolved to write to the Chief Constable stating the Committee's concerns about the delays in this project.

**Mr Bryan Preston
Chairman, Corporate Governance Committee**