

Police and Crime Panel

10th January 2019

PCVC Decision Records



Report of Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner

Purpose

1. To update Panel Members on the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner's decision register since the last meeting, and forward plan.

Background

Decision Making Process

2. Key decisions are made at an Executive Board comprising the PCVC, the PCVC's Chief Executive, the Chief Constable and the Joint Chief Finance Officer. Other officers of the PCVC or the Chief Constable will attend as and when required. On occasion it is necessary to take decisions outside of this process for reasons of expediency, but all relevant parties are consulted and informed.
3. All key decisions are supported by a report setting out the decision required, all relevant factors to be considered, the outcome of any consultation undertaken and the risks and implications of the course of action being recommended.
4. An online record is maintained of all key decisions taken by the OPCVC. This includes a link to any documents which are disclosable under FOI. This record includes decisions taken by the PCC or any person to whom delegated powers have been granted.
5. The PCVC will consider holding public meetings when this will provide a means of consultation on decisions (i.e. precept consultation) where there is a clear interest in actively seeking views of the community.
6. The PCVC may choose to delegate powers to any deputy appointed, his statutory officers or a senior member of police staff.
7. A record is kept of all decisions made under delegated powers detailing the factors taken into consideration, including any consultation carried out.
8. Decisions to be made by the PCVC will relate in the main to his statutory functions and financial responsibilities. A Forward Plan for key decisions to be taken over a 3 month period will be published on the PCVC's website.

9. Generally Key decisions are likely to include:
- The preparation, drafting and issuing of the Police and Crime Plan
 - Issuing the precept
 - Adopting a Medium Term Financial Plan
 - Commissioning of Services
 - Preparation and issue of the Annual Report
 - Any decision which is considered to be of significant public interest or impact either generally or on a particular locality
 - Any decision which will incur revenue expenditure in excess of £100,000
 - Any decision which will incur capital expenditure in excess of £100,000
 - The approval of or adoption of strategies/policies
 - Key procurement decisions
 - Significant changes to the police estate
 - Allocation of grants
10. Details of the Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner's Decision Register 2018 can be found in Appendix 2.

Recommendation

11. That Panel Members note the contents of the report and ask any questions.

Steve White
Chief Executive

Appendix 1: Risks and Implications

Finance

All decisions with financial implications are made with value for money as a key consideration, and are affordable within budgets.

Staffing

n/a

Equality and Diversity

n/a

Accommodation

n/a

Crime and Disorder

n/a

Children's Act 2004

n/a

Stakeholder/Community Engagement

Consultation with key stakeholders is carried out as appropriate to each decision.

Environment

n/a

Collaboration and Partnerships

Consultation with key partners is carried out as appropriate to each decision.

Value for Money and Productivity

n/a

Potential Impact on Police and Crime Plan Priorities

Decisions will impact directly or indirectly on the pursuit of Police and Crime Plan priorities.

Commissioning

Several decisions relate to commissioning of services.

Other risks

n/a

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Key Decisions

(Links to more detailed reports are available on the website)

Decision Number	Decision Taker	Subject
026/2018	PCVC	To approve the members of the Joint Audit Committee are added to the list as Independent Members of the Police Misconduct panels.
027/2018	CC & PCCs Northumbria, Durham, Cleveland, North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, Humberside & South Yorkshire	Section 22a North East Regional Sub-functional Collaboration Agreement regarding Digital Forensics To advise sign-off of a further sub-functional collaboration agreement in relation to Digital Forensics under an overarching regional collaboration agreement dated 1st September 2015 between the seven north east region forces.
028/2018	PCVC	PCVC to approve grant funding of £20,000 to help reduce waiting lists for counselling and enable RSACC to explore more efficient and effective referral processes and models of delivery.
029/2018	PCVC	PCVC to contribute towards the North Durham Women's Conference – 100 years of progress (£1,000).
030/2018	PCVC	PCVC to approve grant funding of £59,000 to ensure availability of Independent Sexual Violence Advocacy (ISVA) support for victims of rape and sexual assault.
031/2018	PCVC	PCVC to appoint Mr Stephen White as Chief Executive for the Office of the Durham PCVC with effect from 7 th January 2019.
032/2018	PCVC	PCVC has agreed to terms in relation to the Licence to occupy office space at Crook Civic Centre to enable the Coroner's officers to work alongside the Coroner.

Upcoming key decisions

- Commissioning and grant funding for 2019-20
- Precept Consultation 2019-20