Police and Crime Panel

17th October 2019

PCVC Decision Records

Report of the Acting 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 2019 can be found in Appendix 2.

Recommendation

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

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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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Appendix 2

Key Decisions

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

Decision Number	Decision Taker	Subject
001/2019	PCVC	The PCVC has given approval, based on the financial needs of the organisation and public consultation to increase the precept by £24 per annum for a Band D property in County Durham and Darlington.
002/2019	PCVC	The Commissioning Board (December 2018) concluded the formal decision making for activities to be funded in the financial year 2019/20.
003/2019	PCVC	The PCVC has agreed to contribute £5,000 for a pilot to tackle and reduce hate crime. This arrangement closely aligns with the priority in the Police Crime and Victims' Plan to 'tackle and reduce hate crime'.
004/2019	PCVC	The PCVC has approved an unconditional offer without vacant possession in relation to the sale of Bede Kirk Police Station in Barnard Castle.
005/2019	PCVC	The PCVC to propose Mrs Joanna Farrell to the Police and Crime Panel for appointment as Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary.
006/2019	PCVC	The PCVC to sign the section 22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) to approve the Single Online Home, a national platform for the delivery of a range of online services.
007/2019	PCVC	The PCVC has agreed to contribute £10,000 towards an accommodation project manager which the National Probation Service will manage.
008/2019	PCVC	The PCVC has approved funding of £6,000.00 towards a multi-agency Domestic Abuse Champions and Safeguarding Training event. This arrangement closely aligns with the priority in the Police, Crime and Victims' Plan to 'safeguard vulnerable people'.
009/2019	PCVC	The PCVC to sign and endorse the Darlington Community Safety Partnership Information Sharing Protocol.
010/2019	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC to approve the County Durham Vision 2035, and to communicate that decision to the County Durham Partnership.
011/2019	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC to approve a maximum of £1,400 towards the bursary in memory of Stephen Lawrence. This arrangement closely aligns with the priority in the Police Crime and Victims' Plan to 'tackle and reduce hate crime'.
012/2019	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC has agreed a contribution of £10,000 towards the Rural Aerial Network. This arrangement closely aligns with the priority in the Police Crime and Victims' Plan to 'improve community safety in rural areas'.
013/2019	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC has agreed a contribution towards the role of Strategic Development Officer for the Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Services Ltd (UTASS). This arrangement closely aligns with the priority in the Police Crime and Victims' Plan to 'improve community safety in rural areas'.
014/2019	PCVC	The PCVC has agreed to develop an Independent Durham Constabulary area Safety Camera Partnership.

Forward Plan

- Commissioning and Grant Funding for 2020/21
- Precept Consultation 2020/21