

Police and Crime Panel

12 March 2020

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 for 2020, and address the forward plan.

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 2020 can be found in Appendix 2.

Recommendation

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

Jon Carling
Acting 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	Details
005/2020	PCVC	To approve a 12 month extension to the VCAS Contract for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 up to the value of £326,800 for the County Durham and Darlington area.
006/2020	PCVC	It has been agreed to award the Contract for police constable degree apprenticeships to Northumbria University.
007/2020	PCVC	To increase Council Tax precept for policing by 4.87% in 2020-21, equivalent to £10 for a Band D property.
008/2020	PCVC	The Acting PCVC has approved the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2020/21 to 2023/24. This sets out the key financial issues facing the PCC over the period 2020/21 to 2023/24, and provides options for delivering a sustainable budget and capital programme over the medium term.
009/2020	PCVC	The Acting PCVC has approved contribution of £1,000 to the High Sheriff Youth Award.
010/2020	PCVC	To commission ELUCD on a one year contract, to carry out consultation exercises at a cost of £10,000.
011/2020	PCVC	To commission Enlighten for one year to provide strategic advice at a cost of £18,000.

Forward Plan

- Commissioning and Grant Funding for 2020/21
- Publication of Annual Report