

Police and Crime Panel

16th October 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.

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 2020 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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Key Decisions

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

Decision Number	Decision Taker	Details
009/2020	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC has approved contribution of £1,000 to the High Sheriff Youth Award.
010/2020	Acting PCVC	To commission ELUCD on a one year contract, to carry out consultation exercises at a cost of £10,000.
011/2020	Acting PCVC	To commission Enlighten for one year to provide strategic advice at a cost of £18,000.
012/2020	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC agreed that with effect from 14th April 2020 Mrs Sahani will be appointed on an interim basis as Monitoring Officer and Mr Oakley as Head of Paid Service for the OPCVC due to the resignation of Acting CEO Mr Carling.
013/2020	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC has agreed to provide an additional £15,000 to Rape and Sexual Assault Counselling Centre (RSACC) to ensure continuity of service delivery during the COVID 19 pandemic
014/2020	Acting PCVC	The Commissioning Board (January 2020) concluded the formal decision making for activities to be funded in the financial year 2020/21.
015/2020	Acting PCVC	Appointment of Mrs Sharon Caddell to cover the role of Chief Executive Officer and Monitoring Officer during the secondment of the incumbent post holder who is currently acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner. It is anticipated this will be until the elections take place for a new Commissioner in May 2021. Mrs Caddell commenced in post 13th July 2020.
016/2020	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC approves funding of £400,770 for the Covid-19 Response Fund. The fund which has been made available nationally from the Ministry of Justice will provide urgent investment and critical support to victims during the pandemic.
017/2020	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC agreed that a licence is granted to Three Tuns Developments Limited for the erection of scaffolding at Durham City Police Station.
018/2020	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC has agreed to the terms of purchase for the preferred site to progress the development of the custody project to RIBA stage 3 subject to development. The Acting PCVC further agreed the Estate Strategy 2020-2025 and requested regular updates on its progress.
019/2020	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC and the Commissioning Board agreed on 11 th August to contribute £2,750 to Investing In Children to undertake a bespoke piece of work for young people who are victims of crime and fall through the gap and £3,000 towards the Hate Hurts campaign.

020/2020	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC continues to contribute £100,000 to the PCVC Community Safety Fund and pays a fund administration fee of £15,000 to CDCF. CDCF continue to contribute £50,000.
021/2020	CEMO on behalf of Acting PCVC	The Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer on behalf of the Acting PCVC, has accordingly agreed to the recommendations to extend the Forensic Services Contract to ensure that critical services continue to be provided to Durham Constabulary while commissioning of a national forensic services contract continues to be developed to provide a medium term procurement opportunity to the market. The contract will run from 1 st September 2020 to 1 st September 2022 with an option to extend for 12 months to 1 st September 2023.
022/2020	Acting PCVC	The Acting PCVC took a range of decisions at the 9 th September Commissioning Board – detailed in the document.

Forward Plan

- Covid-19 Reaction
- Approval of draft Medium Term Financial Plan
- Commissioning and Grant Funding for 2021/22
- Precept Consultation 2021/22