

Police and Crime Panel

12 March 2021

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 2020-2021, and address the forward plan.

Background

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.

Decision Making Process

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 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 2021 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
2021-001	Acting PCVC	<p>A review was undertaken in 2020 of the North East Transformation, Innovation and Collaboration (NETIC) unit.</p> <p>A decision was made to disband the NETIC team with effect from 31st March 2021. The Cyber and other existing collaborations that PCCs and Chief Constables deem appropriate will be retained.</p>
2021-002	Acting PCVC	<p>The Acting PCVC approved contributions presented at the Commissioning Board held on 13th January 2021.</p> <p>£22,000 contribution toward the Rural Communities Speedwatch Vehicle.</p> <p>£3,050 contribution toward the provision of a male Independent Sexual Violence Advisor.</p> <p>£2,000 contribution toward the Sliding Door Project (national initiative for Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking).</p>
2021-003	Acting PCVC	<p>The Office of the Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner noted and approved the procurement methods investigated for the provision of a National Driver Offending Re-Training Scheme (NDORS).</p>
2021-004	Acting PCVC	<p>The Acting PCVC is asked to give approval, based on the financial needs of the organisation and the public consultation to propose to the Police and Crime Panel, the increase of the Police Precept for 2021/22 by 7% , equivalent to £15 per year or 29p a week for a Band D property. However, as most properties in County Durham and Darlington are within a Council Tax Bands A-C, these households would see an increase in their bill of between 19p-26p per week. The Panel agreed to this at their meeting on 4th February 2021.</p>
2021-005	Acting PCVC	<p>The Acting PCVC and the Executive Board have agreed to fulfil the pledge made to the Police Arboretum Memorial Trust and will contribute of £20,000 to the Trust decision made at the Executive Board meeting on 18th February 2021.</p>
2021-006	Acting PCVC	<p>As the result of a Section 22 Agreement the Acting PCVC reviewed this agreement and agreed to further fund the Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime programme in 2021/22.</p>
2021-007	Acting PCVC	<p>The Acting PCVC agreed to the proposal that the finalised terms for land acquisition in relation to the proposed new custody facility are approved and that solicitors are instructed to develop contracts. Also, that contract exchange is expedited, subject to receipt of planning permission, to enable progression of RIBA Stage 4.</p>
2021-008	Acting PCVC	<p>The Acting PCVC agreed to the recommendations in the report and has approved the Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2021/22 to</p>

		<p>2024/25 which sets out the key financial issues facing the PCVC over this period.</p> <p>Options were provided for delivering a balanced budget and capital programme over the medium term.</p> <p>Decision made at an Extraordinary Executive Board on 25th February 2021.</p>
2021-009	Acting PCVC	<p>As a result of work carried out by the Transforming Forensics Programme, police forces and PCC officers now wish to enter into a collaboration agreement pursuant to section 22A of the Police Act 1996 (as amended by the PRSRA) to establish a Forensic Capability Network (FCN). A revised Section 22 Agreement in relation to the FCN was approved and signed by both the Acting PCVC and the Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary.</p>

Forward Plan

- Covid-19 Reaction
- Commissioning and Grant Funding for 2021/22