

Police and Crime Panel

7th March 2022

PCC Decision Records

Report of the Police and Crime and Commissioner



Purpose

1. To update Panel Members on the Police and Crime Commissioner's decision register for 2022 and address the forward plan.

Background

2. Key decisions are made at an Executive Board comprising the PCC, the PCC's Chief Executive, the Chief Constable, and the Joint Chief Finance Officer. Other officers of the PCC 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 OPCC. 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 PCC 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 PCC may choose to delegate powers to any deputy appointed, her 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 PCC 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 PCC'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 and Crime Commissioner's Decision Register 2022 can be found in Appendix 2.

Recommendation

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

Joy Allen

Police and Crime Commissioner

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
2022-001	PCC	The Police and Crime panel voted in favour of the recommendation from the Durham PCC that the council tax requirement be set at a level that resulted in a £10 increase in Band D Council Tax for the year ending 31 st March 2023 for County Durham and Darlington.
2022-002	PCC	Stanhope Section Office approval to a lease renewal of accommodation at 44 Front Street Stanhope for the Stanhope Neighbourhood Police Team.
2022-003	PCC	The PCC agreed at the commissioning board held on 31 st January 2022 to fund the following: 700 Club £69,000, the Cleveland Anti-Slavery network £5,000 for initial support for development of the network, Durham Agency against Crime £60,500 (2022/23) and £60,500 (2023/24) to employ community safety champions, and Youth Justice and Community Engagement Service £3,000 to replicate the funding agreed (at December 2021 Commissioning Board) to allow development in the Durham area of delivering a BTEC qualification in Teamwork and Personal Skills.
2022-004	PCC	The PCC considered and approved the prudential borrowing and treasury management arrangements and affirmed them as the basis on which such business will be conducted in 2022/23 in order to facilitate the major capital programme outlined in the Medium-Term financial plan. The PCC agreed the carry forward of underspends on the 2021/22 capital programme. The PCC acknowledged the strength of the risk management processes, the adequacy of reserves and the robustness of the financial estimates which give sufficient reassurance and confidence which allowed the PCC to approve the annual budget.

Forward Plan

- Covid-19 Recovery
- Commissioning and Grant Funding for 2022/23