

**Police and Crime Panel**

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**



**PCVC Decision Records**

**Report of Chief of Staff**

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**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 PCC, the PCC's Chief of Staff, 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.
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.

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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.

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

Details of the Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner's Decision Register 2017 can be found in Appendix 2.

**Recommendation**

That Panel Members note the contents of the report.

**Alan Reiss**  
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## **Appendix 1: Risks and Implications**

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**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**

n/a

**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
009/2017	PCVC	Continuation of Get Safe On-line agreement which offers subsidised cybercrime, fraud and scam prevention products as part of the Government's Cyber Protect Strategy. This service is delivered across the three north east force areas by the regional serious and organised crime unit (NERSOU). The three police and crime commissioner's offices and NERSOU have agreed to continue the contract in 2017/18 at a cost of £27,000.
010/2017	PCVC	Development and delivery of a training resource to raise awareness of Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) across the Criminal Justice System, with the aim to increase knowledge of the issues of SLCN and how that affects victims, perpetrators and participants. CDYOS will provide that training development and delivery to police and organisations delivering support to victims of crime at a cost of £19,550.
011/2017	PCVC	Grant fund Show Racism the Red Card £17,849 from the PCVC community safety monies to continue the delivery of anti-racism education sessions in schools across the County Durham and Darlington area.
012/2017	PCVC	The PCVC has signed a Section 22 A collaboration agreement that clarifies funding, governance and staffing arrangements in relation to National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS). NABIS is one of four national units that was established following the creation of the National Police Chiefs Council in 2014. NABIS aims to provide a world-leading intelligence capability that ensures UK law enforcement agencies can quickly solve crimes where firearms have been used.
013/2017	PCVC	Grant Fund Harbour £29,890 from the PCVC victims' monies to continue the Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA) support to domestic abuse victims in the Remand and Special Domestic Violence Courts. The evidence of the first seven months has been sufficient to recommend the continuation of this service (for 2017/18), ensuring that victims better understand the court process and the victims' voice is represented clearly.
014/2017	PCVC	Grant fund County Durham Youth Offending Service £43,100 from the PCVC victims' monies to second a Restorative Justice Coordinator, who will take responsibility for the delivery of the service aimed at supporting victims cope and recover from the impact of a crime, and that service is available throughout the force area.
015/2017	PCVC	Grant fund Safe in Tees Valley £36,800 to second a Peer Mentor Coordinator who will develop community peer mentor groups that respond to vulnerable people who frequently contact the emergency services, local health services or local authorities

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		simply because they do not know where else to raise their concerns. The peer mentors will work with the vulnerable person to get them to the right place for support (often a community or voluntary organisation).
016/2017	PCVC	Extend the contract between the OPCVC and Restorative Solutions CIC to second individuals to provide victims with restorative support, at different stages during their journey to cope and recover from the impact of a crime, across the force area at a cost of £110,374.
017/2017	PCVC	Grant fund Durham Community Action £10,000 from the PCVC community safety monies for the delivery of countywide generic support to build capacity in the community and grow the voice of volunteering in County Durham.
018/2017	PCVC	Allocate £20,000 to the County Durham Youth Offending Service as part of a co-commissioning solution to meet the health needs of young people presenting to the Youth Offending Service.
019/2017	PCVC	Contribute £17,500 to Durham Agency Against Crime (DAAC) from the PCVC community safety monies to continue the delivery of innovative projects and initiatives for young people with the aim of facilitating long term change to their current behaviour.

**Upcoming key decisions**

- June 2017 - Publication of Annual Report  
January 2018 - Consultation on Precept for 2018-19