

## Police and Crime Panel

26<sup>th</sup> October 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 PCVC, the PCVC's Chief of Staff, 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.

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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

9. 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 and ask any questions.

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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

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	Subject
019/2017	PCVC	To support Durham Agency Against Crime by making a contribution of £17,500.
020/2017	PCVC	To formally agree the payments (totalling £81,626) made by the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner to the following Safeguarding Boards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darlington Safeguarding Adults Board (£12,731);</li> <li>• Darlington Safeguarding Children's Board (£15,473);</li> <li>• Durham Safeguarding Adults Board (£24,137);</li> <li>• Durham Safeguarding Children's Board (£29,285)</li> </ul>
021/2017	PCVC	To grant fund HALO to provide a service that supports victims of honour based violence, forced marriages and female genital mutilation in County Durham and Darlington, at a cost of £14,400
022/2017	PCVC	To grant fund, up to a maximum of £45,000, the hate crime advocacy service providers (Darlington Association on Disability, Show Racism the Red Card, and QuerKey CiC) for an interim period from 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2017 to the latest 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2018.
023/2017	PCVC	To fund the Rape and Sexual Assault Counselling Centre (RSACC) to provide a service that supports victims of rape and sexual assault in County Durham and Darlington at a cost of £21,600 for 2017/18.
024/2017	PCVC	To continue to support the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) to develop an in depth understanding of the needs and concerns of rural communities, at a cost of £2,000.
025/2017	PCVC	Confirmation of the decision (June 2016) to use £7m of Durham PCVC reserves to repay part of the deficit within the police staff pension fund.
026/2017	PCVC	To agree the funding application of community safety monies in 2017/18 (reported to panel at previous meeting).
027/2017	PCVC	To sign a Section 22a Collaboration Agreement with the Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner, which supports the delivery of the shared criminal justice partnership objectives for Cleveland and Durham.
028/2017	PCVC	The PCVC has agreed to award the Mini Police Project £4,560. The funds will be used to purchase mini police uniforms for schools in economically deprived areas of County Durham and to specifically target primary schools in which over 40% of pupils receive the pupil premium.
029/2017	PCVC	The PCVC has agreed to make a contribution of £4,425 to Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS) towards practical support that helps victims to cope and recover from the impact of crime.
030/2017	PCVC	The PCVC has agreed to contribute £15,000 towards the Darlington Partnership.
031/2017	PCVC	The PCVC has confirmed the provisionally agreed terms with Durham Agency Against Crime (DAAC) regarding a lease of, and temporary Licence to Occupy, the former Magistrates' Court in Chester le Street.

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Upcoming key decisions

- November 2017 - Contract to provide training in forensics to Bahrain
- January 2018 - Consultation on Precept 2017-18
- January – March 2018- Budget allocations 2018-19