



## DECISION PAPER

<b>DECISION: 2018/30</b>	<b>DATE: 3 AUGUST 2018</b>
<b>TITLE: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR POLICE DEPLOYMENT TO OVERSEAS FOOTBALL MATCHES</b>	
<b>REPORT BY: IAN DICKINSON, GOVERNANCE &amp; POLICING LEAD, OPCC</b>	

### Executive Summary

Police Officers are routinely deployed to away games in support of the local policing operations in respect of intelligence and evidence gathering around travelling supporters.

Where the away games require European travel, the authorisation of the Police and Crime Commissioner and a Chief Officer is required under the provision of Section 26 of the Police Act 1996.

### Recommendation

That the Police and Crime Commissioner approves the deployment of Lancashire Police Officers to overseas matches involving Burnley Football Club whilst participating in the Europa League during the 2018/19 football season.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

## **PART I**

### **1. Background and Advice**

Police Officers are routinely deployed to away games in support of the local policing operations in respect of intelligence and evidence gathering around travelling supporters.

Where the away games require overseas travel, the authorisation of the Police and Crime Commissioner and a Chief Officer is required under the provision of Section 26 of the Police Act 1996.

Burnley Football Club have been drawn to play Istanbul Basaksehir in the third qualifying round of the Europa League on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

As a result Officers from Lancashire Constabulary will be required to travel to Turkey for the 1<sup>st</sup> leg between the 7 and 9 August 2018.

At this time it is unknown how far Burnley Football Club will progress in the competition and therefore it is proposed to seek authority from the Police and Crime Commissioner, for Lancashire Police Officers to be deployed to overseas matches involving Burnley Football Club whilst participating in the Europa League during the 2018/19 football season.

### **2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan**

The deployment of police officers reduces the risk of disorder, increases opportunities for intelligence and evidence gathering, helps to improve public confidence in policing, and to develop links with football supporters

### **3. Consultations**

### **4. Implications:**

#### **a. Legal**

Serving police officers and staff from England and Wales who are deployed overseas to provide assistance to an international organisation, foreign government or police service need authorisation from their Police and Crime Commissioner and the Home Secretary under the provision of Section 26 of the Police Act 1996.

#### **b. Financial**

The costs incurred deploying police officers to overseas matches involving Burnley Football Club whilst participating in the Europa League during the 2018/19 football season will be met by Burnley Football Club.

#### **c. Equality considerations**

N/A

**5 Risk Management**


N/A

**6. Background Papers**

**7. Public access to information**

Information relating to this decision is restricted as it contains information which relates to or includes personal information; financial interests of the Police & Crime Commissioner or any other person or company.

It is considered that in all circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

<b>Officer declaration</b>	<b>Date</b>
As above	
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
As above	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
As above	
<b>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS</b>	
As above	
<b>CONSULTATION</b>	
<b>Chief Executive Officer (Monitoring Officer)</b>	
I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.	
Signature..... 	Date..... 3/8/18.....

