



**Lancashire
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JOINT MANAGEMENT BOARD

APPENDIX A REFERS

DECISION: 2018/50	DATE: 13/02/2019
TITLE: Lancashire Constabulary Fees and Charges 2019/20	
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Executive Summary

The report outlines proposed external fees and charges starting 1st April 2019 for Constabulary services. It refers to national guidance used and provides a short summary of the calculation methodology where applicable, together with the financial impact on the 2019/20 income budgets the charges relate to. Fees and charges in relation to Special Services will be updated during the year.

Recommendation

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable are asked to approve the attached report in line with National Guidance.

Signature	Signature
Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Constable
Date	Date

PART I/II

1. Background and Advice

1. Introduction

There are many competing demands on police resources and it is important to recognise that meeting those demands often has significant cost implications. In the current financial climate it is essential that income as well as cost control is considered so that we can properly balance resources and make appropriate decisions on when and what to charge for. This document outlines the circumstances when charges should be levied and is consistent with the NPCC guidance on “Charging for Police Services” which is reviewed and published annually.

The policy applies to all individuals, managers and supervisors within Lancashire Constabulary.

2. Aims

The ability to charge for police services is generally determined by statutory provisions. This guidance covers four main areas:

- A. The provision of Special Police Services at the request of any person under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996 which makes such services subject to payment of charges as determined by the Police and Crime Commissioner and/or delegated to the Chief Constable. Special Police Services generally relate to policing an event, e.g. football match, a pop concert, or series of events.

Section 26 of the 1996 Act applies similar requirements to the provision of police services overseas.

- B. The provision of Mutual Aid to other forces under Section 24 of the Police Act 1996
- C. Section 15 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 extends to Police and Crime Commissioners powers of the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970 to supply goods and services to other bodies or persons. This may include services provided in competition with other providers, e.g. training or vehicle maintenance, where charges will reflect market rates, or services as a by-product of core police activity such as provision of collision reports.
- D. The provision of police services to other agencies such as the UK Border Agency or the prison service

Details of fees and charges are attached in Appendix A.

2. Link to Police and Crime Plan

The Fees and Charges Handbook links to the Commissioner’s priority to ensure the delivery of an efficient and effective police service.

3. Consultation

4. Implications:

Risk

4.1 Legal considerations

Section 15 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 extends to Commissioners, the powers of the Local Authorities Act 1970 to supply goods and services to other bodies or persons.

4.2 Financial considerations

The revised charges are not expected to materially impact on the Commissioner’s budget for 2019/20. Income is routinely monitored and projected on a monthly basis, any variances will be reported to Management Board.

4.3 Equality considerations

No equality issues have been identified.

5. Background Papers

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer) 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.....	