

DECISION MAKING POLICY

Introduction

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) are required to publish certain information to allow the public to hold them to account. Section 11(1) and (2) of The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires an elected local policing body to publish any information specified by the Secretary of State by order.

Decision making process

Through adopting the principles below, the PCC will ensure that the right climate is set for decision making. These principles are all critical importance but require the consistent application of good process.

Although some of the decisions to be taken by the PCC will be of significant public interest, complex and costly, the basic process to be followed prior to each decision will be:

- All decisions will be subjected to scrutiny by the Chief Executive prior to being considered by the PCC,
- All relevant material, information and facts will be assembled,
- Consultation with all interested and affected parties,
- Consideration of all available courses of action,
- Specialist / significant advice sought,
- Information presented which focuses on the core issues, and is consistent with the police and crime commissioner's aims and objectives
- Consider risk
- Consider financial implications
- Consider performance measures
- Consider value for money
- Consider equalities issues.

Other officers may make decisions in accordance with the Joint Code of Corporate Governance approved by the Commissioner and Chief Constable and published on the website.

The Commissioner will aim to be as open and transparent as possible when making decisions. However, on some occasions, reports will contain confidential information which will remain private.

How can I find out what decisions have been taken?

Within three working days of the date of a decision the following will be available on the Commissioner's website:

- (a) a copy of signed decision reports; and
- (b) a record of any interest declared by the Commissioner.

Rules relating to the business and proceedings of the commissioner

Further details of the Commissioner's procedures for making decisions can be found in the Joint Code of Corporate Governance, Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts and are available on the website.

Who can i contact?

For further information on the decision-making process, please contact the Head of Governance and Accountability. Tel: 01772 533587 E-mail: commissioner@lancashire-pcc.gov.uk.

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