



Reference No: 32-2014

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST:

For PCC Approval

Title:

PCC Contributions towards Local Safeguarding Boards

Executive Summary:

Both the first Joint Chief Inspectors' Report on Safeguarding (Chief Inspector of Social Services et al, 2002) and the statutory inquiry into the death of Victoria Climbié (DH and Home Office, 2003) emphasised the importance of joint working between agencies and professionals to safeguard children from harm and to promote their welfare. Subsequent reports and policy developments, underpinned by the Children Act 2004, have all intended to ensure an integrated approach to service provision and that children achieve their potential in terms of being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution and achieving economic well-being.

Working Together to Safeguard Children (DH 2013) highlights that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility: for services to be effective each professional and organisation should play their full part. Effective safeguarding requires clear local arrangements for collaboration between professionals and agencies.

The Children Act 2004 (Sections 10, 11, 12, 13) sets out very clearly that a wide range of agencies are required to work together to promote wellbeing and safeguard children and young people.. Working Together to Safeguard Children (DH 2013) sets out the statutory obligations of LSCB partners in ensuring children are safeguarded from harm. There are 4 Safeguarding Children's Boards within Cleveland where there is a history of collaborative working and the PCC is asked to make a financial contribution to the running of all 4 of these Boards.

Decision:

The PCC is asked to provide a grant/contribution to each of the 4 Safeguarding Children's Boards within Cleveland totalling £53,835.38 split in the following ways:

- Hartlepool - £14,068
- Middlesbrough - £14,401.38
- Redcar and Cleveland - £11,503
- Stockton - £13,863

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:

	Yes	No
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(If yes please provide further details below)

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's CFO where the decision has financial implications)

The funding for these contributions/grants was allowed for as part of the 2014-15 budget setting process for the PCC and therefore this is affordable within the 2014-15 budget.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

Councils have a responsibility under S13(1) of the Children Act (2004) for the establishment of Safeguarding Boards. Nominated partners, such as the Police, have a duty to co-operate with the Local Authority under the same Act with regards to the establishment and operation of the Boards

Equality and Diversity Implications

N/A

Human Rights Implications

N/A

Sustainability Implications

There are no issues in relation to sustainability. The costs of this contribution form part of the ongoing budget for the PCC.

Risk Management Implications

As a financial contributor to these Boards there is the potential that the PCC may have to contribute additional funds if there is a need during the year to undertake any serious case reviews that can't be funded within the annual budget that each of the Board's has.

OFFICER APPROVAL**Chief Executive**

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed: M. Porter

Date: 9/4/2014

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS / ~~DOES NOT HAVE~~ my approval.

Signed: BC

Date: 9/4/14