



## **Report of the Chief Finance Officer for the PCC to the Chair and Members of the Cleveland Audit Committee – March 2021**

**Status: For Recommendation to the PCC**

### **Revised Contract Standing Orders**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of proposed changes to be made to the PCC's Contract Standing Orders and seek their recommendation that the PCC adopt these changes.

#### **2. Recommendations**

Members are asked to:

- 2.1 Recommend the proposed changes and the resultant contract standing orders, which are attached, are approved and adopted by the PCC.

#### **Background**

- 3.1 The Code of Corporate Governance adopted within Cleveland sets out the framework and controls for the organisation to follow in relation to contracts and procurement, known as the Contract Standing Orders.
- 3.2 These Contract Standing Orders cover all contracting and procurement activities within the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner and Cleveland Police. This includes supply, hire, new contract, extension of contract and renewal of contract and / or disposal, with the exception of contracts for the purchase of land, and contracts of employment.
- 3.3 The Contract Standing Orders detailed apply to all staff of the PCC and Chief Constable and must be adhered to at all times.
- 3.4 The proposed changes to Contract Standing Orders have been proposed following a review of other Local PCC Contract Standing Orders in the Cleveland area. The proposed changes include:
- 3.5 Removal of any reference to the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and the addition of the Find a Tender site which has replaced the OJEU form following exit from European Union.
- 3.6 Amendments of the Contract signature and Contract Variation/amendments values.

## **4. Implications**

### **4.1 Finance**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **4.2 Legal**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **4.3 Diversity & Equal Opportunities**

There are no diversity & equal opportunities implications arising from this report.

### **4.4 Human Rights Act**

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

### **4.5 Sustainability**

There are no Sustainability issues arising from this report.

### **4.6 Risk**

There are no risk issues arising from this report.

## **5. Conclusions**

- 5.1 This report sets out some minor amendments to the PCC's Contract Standing Orders reflecting changes to the signing of contracts and contract variation/amendments.