Reference No: 2022/2023-0031

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: Approval of 2023-24 Budget and Associated Papers

Title:

Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2023/24 to 2026/27 and Capital Plans 2023/24 to 2026/27 and associated papers

Executive Summary:

This is a Decision Record Form outlining the PCC's Budget and Capital Plans for 2023/24 and the Long-Term Financial Plans to 2026/27.

There is a legal requirement for the PCC to set a budget prior to the 1st March each year for the following financial year. Approving this Decision will ensure that the PCC's obligations in this area are met for 2023/24.

The Revenue Budget for 2023/24 is based on the approved £15 increase in precept for a Band D property for 2023/24 and sets out how the £177,775k of revenue funding to be received by the PCC in 2023/24 will be spent. The decision also sets out a capital programme of just over £7.4m for 2023/24 and provides details of how this will be spent.

To support this decision are the following attached papers:

- Report on the Robustness of Estimates and Adequacy of Financial Reserves – including Reserve Strategy
- LTFP 2023/24 to 2026/27 and Capital Plans 2023/24 to 2026/27
- Cleveland Police LTFP 2023/24
- Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2023/24 to 2026/2027 - which includes the Investment Strategy
- Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy
- Capital Strategy
- Leasing Policy

Decision:

It is recommended, by the PCC's Chief Finance Officer, that the PCC approves the Budget and Capital Plans for 2023/24 as attached to this Decision along with the Long-Term Financial Plans to 2026/27. In approving this decision, the Commissioner is agreeing to the allocation of

resources set out within this decision and the associated appendices, and also the detailed recommendations contained within all of the attached papers.
OPCC Lead Officer: Michael Porter
Contractor Details (if applicable): No applicable
Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	☒	☐	
Legal	☒	☐	
Equality & Diversity	☒	☐	
Human Rights	☒	☐	
Sustainability	☒	☐	
Risk	☒	☐	

(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 financial implications are set out within the reports. The Robustness of Estimates and Adequacy of Financial Reserves report provides the PCC with a full overview of the proposed budget from the PCC's CFO and in line with the recommendation within the Decision the post holder supports the budget and financial plans that the PCC is being asked to approve.

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

Having read these reports and having considered such information as has been provided at the time of being asked to express this view, the Chief Executive is satisfied that this report does not ask the PCC to make a decision which would (or would be likely to) give rise to a contravention of the law. In adherence with the legal requirement for the PCC to set a budget prior to the 1st March 2023, the budget and financial plans were presented to and approved by the PCC at the Joint Strategic Board Meeting held on Monday 27th February 2023. This DRF provides a public record of the PCC's decision.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Please see attached reports

Human Rights Implications

Please see attached reports

Sustainability Implications

These reports are part of the process to establish sustainable annual and medium-term financial plans and maintain prudent financial management within both the PCC and the Police Force. It is important to draw to the PCC's attention that currently the financial plans of the organisation do not currently balance in years 3 and 4 of the current plan based on current forecasts and projections. Addressing this imbalance will be vital to ensure a sustainable Police service.

Risk Management Implications

There is a legal requirement to set a budget prior to the 1st March each year, for the following financial year, failure to do so would result in an illegal budget and significant reputational risks for the organisation.

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: Date: 01/03/2023

Police and Crime Commissioner:
The above request HAS my approval.

Signed: Date: 01/03/2023