



DRF Reference No: 2023 2024 – 0038

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: Approval of 2024-25 Budget and Associated Papers

Title:

Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2024/25 to 2027/28 and Capital Plans 2024/25 to 2027/28 and associated papers

Executive Summary:

This is a Decision Record Form outlining the PCC's Budget and Capital Plans for 2024/25 and the Long-Term Financial Plans to 2027/28.

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 2024/25.

The Revenue Budget for 2024/25 is based on the approved £13 increase in precept for a Band D property for 2024/25 and sets out how the £196,650k of revenue funding to be received by the PCC in 2024/25 will be spent. The decision also sets out a capital programme of almost £5.2m for 2024/25 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 2024/25 to 2027/28 and Capital Plans 2024/25 to 2027/28
- Cleveland Police LTFP 2024/25
- Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2024/25 to 2027/28 - 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 2024/25 as attached to this Decision along with the Long-Term Financial Plans to 2027/28. 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	<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 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, I am satisfied that these reports do not ask the PCC to make a decision which would (or would 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 2024, the budget and financial plans were presented to and approved by the PCC at the Joint Strategic Board Meeting held on 21st February 2024. 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. The proposals before the PCC for approval set out a sustainable and balanced financial plan for the next 4 years, based on realistic assumptions, that do not require the delivery on any unidentified and/or unrealistic savings assumptions

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: 23.02.24

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed:



Date: 23.04.2024