



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: Approval of 2026-27 Budget and Associated Papers

Title: Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2026/27 to 2029/30 and Capital Plans 2026/27 to 2029/30 and associated papers

Executive Summary:

This is a Decision Record Form outlining the PCC's Budget and Capital Plans for 2026/27 and the Long-Term Financial Plans to 2029/30.

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 2026/27.

The Revenue Budget for 2026/27 is based on the approved £15 increase in precept for a Band D property for 2026/27 and sets out how the £212,575k of revenue funding to be received by the PCC in 2026/27 will be spent. The decision also sets out a capital programme of just over £6.3m for 2026/27 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
- 2026/27 Budget and LTFP
- Cleveland Police LTFP 2026/27
- Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2026/27 to 2029/30 - 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 2026/27 as attached to this Decision along with the Long-Term Financial Plans to 2029/30. 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 and discussed within the Joint Strategic Board on the 18th February 2026. 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.

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 financial position that is now even more challenging than it has been in the recent years, and the stable financial platform that has underpinned the improved organisational and operational performance that has been seen over

the last 3 years, has certainly reduced due to some of the measures taken to manage the worst funding settlement in the country.

While the plan is based on realistic assumptions there is a requirement for the Force to deliver in year savings of £600k to ensure that the organisation can work within the funding available to it, and plans are being drawn up and will be discussed with the PCC as they develop further.

In addition to the cuts and reductions in service that have been factored into the 2026/27 budget, reserves are forecast to reduce by £7.2m (36%) by March 2027 and borrowing is expected to increase by £9m (50%) by 2028/29. Neither of these trends are sustainable if they are repeated in future years and therefore without better funding settlements in future years there are likely to be additional cuts and reductions in future financial years.

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: 20.02.26

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed:



Date: 20.02.26