

**THE OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR DERBYSHIRE
DECISION RECORD**

Request for PCC Decision	Received in OPCC Date: 5 February 2013	OPCC Ref: 23/13
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Title: Force Contributions to ACPO for Financial Year 2013/14

Executive Summary: To be completed by PCC Specialist lead

A request for a £25,821 contribution to the Association of Chief Police Officers had been received. As detailed within the report the contribution takes account of the loss of Home Office direct Grant-in-Aid, and that ACPO has already delivered efficiency savings in line with reductions over recent years in the police grant settlement. These losses were offset by reductions in force contributions to other national functions (for example, the Police National Information Coordination Centre and National Public Order Intelligence Unit) resulting in an overall net reduction in the amount requested of forces.

The request for funding to individual forces had been significantly reduced, for Derbyshire a reduction of 61% to £25,821, already catered for within the ACPO schedule budget, which includes the contributions to the National Ballistics Intelligence Service and the National Wildlife Crime Unit.

It was proposed that the Commissioner pay the amount previously paid by the Police Authority (£9,932) and that the Constabulary fund the difference of £15,889.

Decision

Resolved that

The Police and Crime Commissioner pay the requested Derbyshire Constabulary contribution to the Association of Chief Police Officers in the amount of £9,932 and that the Constabulary meet the additional expenditure of £15,889.

Declaration

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire. Any such interests are recorded below.

None

The above request has my approval.

Signature *Electronically Signed*

Date 18.02.13

PUBLICATION SCHEME CONSIDERATIONS

Is the related Section B report to be published Yes

Is the publication of this approval to be deferred No

If Yes, provide reasons below

Date to be deferred to –

NB Statutory Instrument 2011/3050 (as amended by SI 2012/2479) states that: *all decisions made by a PCC are in the types of information that must “be published as soon as practicable after it becomes available to the elected local policing body”.*

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Nominee:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Signature

Electronically Signed

Name Philip Harper

Date 18.02.13

STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE BOARD

18 FEBRUARY 2013

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

7C: FORCE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACPO FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/14

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 At the ACPO Board of Directors meeting on 5 December 2012, the issue of funding ACPO for the forth coming financial year was discussed and it was agreed that Tom Flaherty the ACPO Chief Executive would write to all Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to allow for an informed discussion with Chief Constables regarding the annual contribution necessary from forces to support the ongoing delivery of ACPO national functions.
- 1.2 In the past ACPO received 40% of its funding from the Home Office and 40% of its funding from Police Authorities, with the remainder met from other income generating activity. It was a matter for the local Police Authority to agree an annual contribution to assist in the funding of ACPO. For some years police authorities made a decision together through the Association of Police Authorities, but more recently it has been left to individual discretion.
- 1.3 The Home Office funding will be withdrawn at the end of this financial year.

2. INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The Association of Chief Police Officers acts as the professional voice of policing. It brings together the most senior police officers across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, with the purpose of protecting the public through the development of a framework of policing standards that drives and underpins the delivery of effective, efficient and professional policing.

- 2.2 A restructured and remodelled ACPO is taking into account the sweeping changes to the national landscape of policing, including the election of PCCs, the development of a new College of Policing to drive and develop professionalism across the whole Service, and the creation of the National Crime Agency. ACPO is considered a provider of national level coordination, resilience and lead on strategic national policing development.
- 2.3 The contribution takes account of the loss of Home Office direct Grant-in-Aid, and that ACPO has already delivered efficiency savings in line with reductions over recent years in the police grant settlement. These losses are offset by reductions in force contributions to other national functions (for example, the Police National Information Coordination Centre and National Public Order Intelligence Unit) resulting in an overall net reduction in the amount requested of forces.
- 2.4 The request for funding to individual forces has been significantly reduced, for Derbyshire a reduction of 61% to £25,821, already catered for within the ACPO schedule budget, which includes the contributions to the National Ballistics Intelligence Service and the National Wildlife Crime Unit. Notwithstanding, the new landscape and the role of (ACPO) Chief Constables' Council to provide a forum for operationally independent Chief Constables to come together to agree common approaches, remains critical.
- 2.5 In terms of the charges for ACPO itself, which has risen by some £15,889, this is purely because Commissioners and Constabularies are picking up the whole cost of ACPO rather than meeting a share of those costs as it did in the past. The fact remains that there is an overall saving to the Force and the proposal is that the amount of £9932 previously paid by the Police Authority is maintained by the Commissioner's office and that the Constabulary fund the difference of £15,889 to make sure that the Commissioner's budget is not disadvantaged as a consequence of the changes.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- i. That the Police and Crime Commissioner pay the requested Derbyshire Constabulary contribution to the Association of Chief Police Officers in the amount of £9,932 and that the Constabulary meet the additional expenditure of £15,889

4. IMPLICATIONS

All implications are assessed and scored to the table below.

HIGH – supporting explanation and narrative required and to be contained within the report

MEDIUM – narrative to be contained within the report at the discretion of the author

LOW – no narrative required

	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Crime & Disorder		√	
Environmental	√		
Equality & Diversity	√		
Financial			√
Health & Safety	√		
Human Rights	√		
Legal	√		
Personnel	√		

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1. Letter from Tom Flaherty ACPO Chief Executive to the Commissioner and ACPO background briefing note.

