

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

Request for PCC Decision	Received in OPCC Date: 12 MARCH 2014	OPCC Ref: 09/14
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Title: OPCC AFFILIATION TO THE HOWARD LEAGUE FOR PENAL REFORM (HLPR)

Executive Summary: To be completed by PCC Specialist lead

The HLPR describes itself as the oldest penal reform charity in the UK. It is independent of government and works with parliament, the media, criminal justice professionals, students and the public to influence debate and force through meaningful change to create safer communities.

The HLPR is funded through memberships and the PCC is mindful to take out a 'Group Membership' of the HLPR to show his support for their work.

Decision

Resolved that

The Police and Crime Commissioner take out a group membership of the League at a cost of £70.00 per year as the work of the Howard League for Penal Reform supports the priorities of the Police and Crime Plan for Derbyshire.

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

Alan Charles

Date 17 March 2014

PUBLICATION SCHEME CONSIDERATIONS

Is the related Section B report to be published Yes

If no, please indicate relevant exemption

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

Name

Helen Boffy

Date 17 March 2014

STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE BOARD
17 MARCH 2014
REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

7A: OPCC AFFILIATION TO THE HOWARD LEAGUE FOR PENAL REFORM

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Strategic Governance Board of the Police and Crime Commissioner's desire to affiliate with the Howard League for Penal Reform and take out a Group Membership.

2. INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The PCC was contacted by the Howard League for Penal Reform (HLPR) to highlight the work it undertakes in campaigning for '*a better criminal justice system where communities are made safer and fewer people become victims of crime*'.
- 2.2 The HLPR describes itself as the oldest penal reform charity in the UK, having been established in 1866. It is independent of government and works with parliament, the media, criminal justice professionals, students and the public to influence debate and force through meaningful change to create safer communities.
- 2.3 The Howard League for Penal Reform work for a safer society where fewer people are victims of crime. HLPR believes that offenders must make amends for what they have done and change their lives. HLPR believes that community sentences make a person take responsibility and live a law abiding life in community.
- 2.4 One of the ways the HLPR is funded is through memberships. The PCC is mindful to take out a 'Group Membership' of the HLPR to show his support for their work.

- 2.5 The Police and Crime Plan for Derbyshire talks about reducing reoffending and the percentage of offenders who have drug addiction issues and who use crime to fund their drug habits – this is a key area of the HLPR’s campaigning work. The plan also talks about working with partners to make communities safer.
- 2.6 A Group Membership will cost £70 per year and for that the PCC will receive updates on the work of the HLPR, a regular newsletter, information on conferences and events and an invitation to the organisation’s Annual General Meeting.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- i. As the work of the Howard League for Penal Reform supports the priorities of the Police and Crime Plan for Derbyshire the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner shall take out a group membership of the League at a cost of £70.00 per year.

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		x	
Environmental	x		
Equality & Diversity	x		
Financial	x		
Health & Safety	x		
Human Rights	x		
Legal	x		
Personnel	x		

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. None