

**STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE BOARD**  
**14 DECEMBER 2012**  
**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**7C: POLICY FOR AGREEMENT – CRITICAL INCIDENTS**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The Transition to a Police and Crime Commissioner has required a review of a number of policies that operated previously between the Police Authority and the Chief Constable.
- 1.2 A number of these changes are minor title changes or slight amendments considered appropriate by the Commissioner

**2. INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS**

- 2.1 The protocol for Communication of Critical Incidents between the Derbyshire Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire is a two page document, which clarifies which critical incidents and anticipated events the Commissioner should be informed of and under whose authority.
- 2.2 The protocol uses the ACPO definition of a critical incident and in regard to incidents, only to those incidents so declared within the Force's own policy.
- 2.3 It is considered appropriate that within the Force policy, critical incidents should only be communicated to the Commissioner once a Senior Investigating Officer or ACPO officer has been informed and as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.
- 2.4 The protocol reinforces the operational independence of the Chief Constable and relates only to informing the Commissioner or their Deputy.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

- i. That the Protocol is agreed and signed between the Commissioner and the Chief Constable

**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. None

**ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A. Communication Protocol of Critical Incidents between the Derbyshire Constabulary and the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner