

ORIGINATOR: Chief Executive

DECISION NO. 31/2020

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: Decision

SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner

SUBJECT: Scheme of Governance and Consent

SUMMARY:

The Scheme of Governance and Consent has been reviewed to cover a number of changes including the adoption of a PCC Decision Making Policy and the ability to hold meetings virtually when public gatherings are restricted.

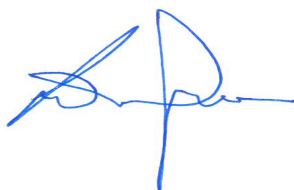
Approval is now sought to adopt this revised scheme.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Police and Crime Commissioner is invited to adopt the revised Scheme of Governance and Consent.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC/CHIEF EXECUTIVE/CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.



Signature

Date 22/09/2020

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

- 1.1 The Scheme of Governance and Consent governs the interrelationship between the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Chief Constable and others. It is expected that the Scheme be regularly reviewed to ensure it adapts to the ongoing needs and governance requirements of the corporation sole.

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 The PCC has adopted a number of key corporate governance documents that help contribute to the good governance of the two corporations sole that operate in policing locally, namely the PCC and the Chief Constable. These corporate governance documents include a Scheme of Governance and Consent.

- 2.2 The Scheme has a number of constituent parts:

- Introduction, outline and legislative background and general principles
- Key roles of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable
- Delegations by the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Financial Regulations
- Contract Standing Orders
- Decision Making and Accountability Framework
- Arrangements between the PCC and Chief Constable
- Arrangements between the PCC and Police and Crime Panel
- Appendices

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 3.1 The Scheme of Governance and Consent has been revised to accommodate changes that have occurred since June 2019. In particular, changes implemented by the Policing and Crime Act 2017 with regard to the PCC becoming the local policing review body on complaints.

- 3.2 Under the decision making and accountability framework a new PCC decision making policy has also been adopted.

- 3.3 The existing working protocol between the PCC and the Police and Crime Panel has also now been adopted within the Scheme of Governance and Consent.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

- 4.1 All of the constituent parts of the Scheme have been reviewed to ascertain whether any further changes are required.

5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

- 5.1 All of these constituent parts of the Scheme of Governance and Consent have also been reviewed in accordance with the Corporate Governance Framework.

6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 There are no direct financial implications.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

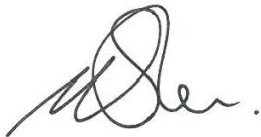
7.1 There are no other material implications or risks associated with consideration of this paper.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Yes

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.



Signature:

Date 22/09/2020

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

- a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,
OR
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,
OR
- c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves
AND
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:



Date: 22/09/2020

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