

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

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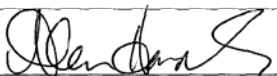
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SUBJECT		GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT		
To agree and adopt the draft governance framework by which the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire holds the Chief Constable to account for the efficient and effective delivery of policing in Lincolnshire.		
RECOMMENDATION	<i>That the suggested Governance Framework be agreed and implemented.</i>	

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.

Signature:



Date: 22/11/12

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 states that the Police and Crime Commissioner "must secure that the force is efficient and effective" [Part 1, Chapter 1, section 6 (b)]. It also states that the Police and Crime Commissioner must "hold the ... Chief Constable to account for the exercise of functions of the chief constable" [Part 1, Chapter 1, section 7 (a)]¹.
- 1.2 The suggested Governance Framework provides a robust and consistent means to ensure that the statutory duties detailed in the PR&SR Act are fulfilled.
- 1.3 The governance framework has been developed with the intention to limit bureaucracy and where ever possible, use existing information and reporting that the Force already use in their management of the business.

¹ See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/13/part/1/enacted>

- 1.4 It is proposed that Performance (crime, anti-social behaviour and detections) and Resources (finance, human resources, learning and development, procurement, assets management) will alternate on a 2 week cycle of meetings. It is envisaged that the meetings will be focussed and business-like with the Force/Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) providing briefings in support of discussions.
- 1.5 The meetings will enable the Commissioner to:
- hold the Force to account
 - engage in transparent and effective dialogue with the Force which can be reported back to the public, stakeholders and partners
 - review and monitor force activity in key areas
 - understand key and emerging risks and issues
 - gain assurance about planned actions and current performance
 - retain records to maintain an audit trail of actions and decisions.
- 1.6 The only other area where a meeting is proposed is every two months in professional standards reflecting the Commissioner's duty to "oversee" complaints.
- 1.7 It is proposed that in 'other' areas², the Force will provide a quarterly briefing and follow up meetings will be arranged when required (e.g. when exceptions are highlighted). If a significant high risk or issue arises at any time, the Force will liaise directly with the PCC to ensure that he is fully briefed on the matter.
- 1.8 The draft framework also includes other structures including the OPCC's internal management meetings, regional business and the G4S governance arrangements in order to provide a comprehensive picture of how the OPCC will support the Commissioner.
- 1.9 The Framework is attached at Appendix 1.

A2. LINKS TO POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND PCC'S STRATEGIES/PRIORITIES

The governance framework provides a mechanism by which the PCC can hold the Force to account for the delivery of the objectives detailed in the Police and Crime Plan. This is inextricably linked to the PCC's strategies and priorities.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no additional costs associated with the implementation of the governance framework.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

[this should include the legal powers the PCC has for making the decision]

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 states that the Police and Crime Commissioner "must secure that the force is efficient and effective" [Part 1, Chapter 1, section 6 (b)]. The governance framework provides a structure and

² Protecting Vulnerable People, Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism, Serious and Organised Crime, Major Crime, Critical Incidents, Civil Contingencies, Public Order, Roads Policing, Firearms, Partnerships, Consultation and Engagement, Stop & Search, Equalities (including Hate Crime), Independent Custody Visiting Scheme and Business Continuity. This list is not exhaustive.

process for the PCC to monitor and review performance and carry out the necessary checks to ensure that the Force is efficient and effective.

D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES

No personnel or equalities issues have been identified in relation to the governance framework.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The Performance and Resources Governance meetings will take place on a monthly basis. The Professional Standards Governance meeting will take place on a 2 monthly basis. Briefings will be quarterly and will be supplemented by face to face meetings when required.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk management is an integral part of the Governance Framework. The Commissioner will review significant and emerging risks as a matter of course at each governance meeting. The briefings will be risk based.

H. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Information in this form along with any supporting material is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC's website within one working day of approval. However, if release by that date would compromise the implementation of the decision being approved, publication may be deferred. An explanation for any deferment must be provided below, together with a date for publication.

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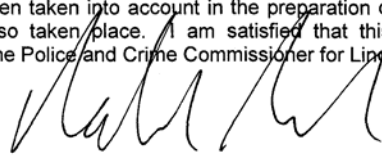
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ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

	Tick to confirm
Originating Officer: The Chief Executive recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	√
Financial advice: The PCC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	√
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Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	√
Chief Constable: The Chief Constable has been consulted on this proposal.	√

OFFICER APPROVAL

<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>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. Consultation outlined above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.</p>	
<p>Signature: </p>	<p>Date: 22/11/12</p>