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

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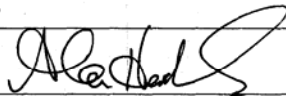
DATE: 29 January 2013

SUBJECT		POLICE & CRIME PLAN 2013-2017 AND PRECEPT 2013-14
REPORT BY	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT		
<p>The Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011 [s.5(6)(c)] requires the Police and Crime Commissioner ("the Commissioner") to send the Police and Crime Panel a copy of his draft Police and Crime Plan for 2013-14 to 2016-17. He is also required by the Act to notify the Police and Crime Panel of the Precept and Council Tax Requirement which he is proposing to issue for 2013-14 [Schedule 5 s.2].</p> <p>The report attached at Appendix 1 presents the draft Police and Crime Plan and proposed Precept and Council Tax Requirement 2013-14 for consideration by the Commissioner.</p>		
RECOMMENDATIONS	That	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the Commissioner agree the draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-14 to 2016-17 (attached to Appendix 1 at Annex A) in advance of its submission to the Police and Crime Panel;2. the Commissioner agrees the proposed Precept and Council Tax Requirement for 2013-14 (set out at Appendix 1) in advance of its submission to the Police and Crime Panel.	

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

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

Signature:



Date:

29/01/13

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. POLICE & CRIME PLAN

Statutory Requirements

1.1 The Commissioner is required to issue a Police and Crime Plan for Lincolnshire by 31 March 2013 [S.51 (1)]. The Plan will cover the period 2013/14 to 2016/17 and must include:

- the policing which the Chief Constable is to provide and the police and crime objectives:
 - for policing
 - for crime and disorder reduction
 - for the discharge of national/international functions (Strategic Policing Requirement)
- the financial and other resources which the Commissioner will provide the Chief Constable
- the means by which the Chief Constable will report to the Commissioner on the provision of policing, and how performance in policing will be measured
- the crime and disorder reduction grants which the Commissioner will make and the conditions.

1.2 In exercising his functions the Commissioner is required to:

- have regard to the relevant priorities of each responsible authority [s.10(1)]
- cooperate with responsible authorities¹ in exercising functions under Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 [s.10(2)]
- make arrangements with criminal justice bodies for the exercise of functions so as to provide an efficient and effective criminal justice system [s.10(3)].

1.3 Further to the above, the Commissioner must:

- consult with the Chief Constable in preparing the draft Police and Crime Plan [s.5(6)(b)]
- send the draft Plan to the Police and Crime Panel [s.5(6)(c) and s.5(7)]
- have regard to any report/recommendation made by the Police and Crime Panel on the draft Plan [s.6(6)d]
- re-consult the Chief Constable if the Plan is changed as a result [s.5(8)]
- issue the Plan to the Chief Constable and responsible authorities and publish [s.5(10)].

¹ Responsible authorities are Probation, Health, Local Authorities, Police and Fire

- 1.4 Finally there are a number of statutory obligations under the Police Act 1996 relating to consultation that the Commissioner must satisfy, including:
- obtaining the views of the people of Lincolnshire about policing in their local communities [s.96(1)]
 - obtaining the views of victims of crime about matters concerning the policing of Lincolnshire [s.96(1)]
 - obtaining the views of people in Lincolnshire and ratepayers representatives on proposals for expenditure [s.96(2)].

Process for Developing the Plan

- 1.5 A small working group led by the Commissioner ensured that development of the draft Police and Crime Plan was managed effectively and delivered according to the statutory timescale.
- 1.6 A copy of the draft Plan is attached to the report at Appendix 1 (Annex A). A brief summary of the Commissioner's key commitments is provided below:
- Maintain an establishment of 1,100 police officers.
 - Introduce Volunteer Police Community Support Officers together with an expansion of the Special Constabulary and non-uniform volunteer roles.
 - Improve visibility by ensuring that all police officers wear their uniform when on duty and all police vehicles involved in front line policing are clearly marked unless there is a demonstrable operational/community need not to do so.
 - Freeze further police station closures unless where there is a demonstrable operational/community need.
 - Announce over the coming weeks how community safety initiatives and projects that support victims will be funded.
 - Introduce a zero tolerance approach to unlawful and nuisance street drinking.
- 1.7 Comments are welcomed from the Police and Crime Panel. The Commissioner intends to take the final decision regarding the Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 17 and the Precept for 2013/14 on 25 February 2013.

2. PROPOSED PRECEPT AND COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT 2013-14

Statutory Requirements

- 2.1 Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 sets out the process for issuing a Precept, including the Police and Crime Panel's role in reviewing the proposed Precept, their power to veto the Precept and the steps to be taken in the event of the proposed Precept being vetoed.
- 2.2 Attached at Appendix 2 is a detailed guidance note issued by the Home Office which supports the process described above, and includes reporting

requirements together with the process for Police and Crime Panel scrutiny of the proposed Precept.

Summary of Precept and Council Tax Requirements

- 2.3 A detailed summary of the Commissioner's proposed Precept and Council Tax Requirement for 2013-14 is set out in the report attached at Appendix 1. The Commissioner is committed to maintaining police officer numbers and is therefore proposing to increase the level of Council Tax by 2% in 2013-14. A similar increase is planned for 2014-15.
- 2.4 The impact on Council Taxpayers is set out in the table below – for the majority of Lincolnshire residents this will equate to an additional 6 pence per-week.

BAND	2012/13 £	2% increase	2013/14 £	2% increase
		£ p.a.		£ per week
A	124.26	2.46	126.72	0.05
B	144.97	2.87	147.84	0.06
C	165.68	3.28	168.96	0.06
D	186.39	3.69	190.08	0.07
E	227.81	4.51	232.32	0.09
F	269.23	5.33	274.56	0.10
G	310.65	6.15	316.80	0.12
H	372.78	7.38	380.16	0.14

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

These are detailed in the report enclosed at Appendix 1.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

These are set out in the main body of the report.

D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES

There are no direct personnel implications arising from consideration of this report. However there will be personnel implications associated with the operational delivery of the Police and Crime Plan. These will be assessed by the relevant lead officer as part of the implementation planning process.

An equalities impact assessment (EIA) has been undertaken during the development of the draft Police and Crime Plan. Further EIAs will be undertaken by Lincolnshire Police as part of the implementation planning process.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

Performance against the objectives detailed in the Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 17 will be assessed on a quarterly basis at the Commissioner's governance meetings. The Chief Constable must answer to the Commissioner in terms of delivering efficient and effective policing, and the way resources and spending are managed. Performance management is at the heart of the Commissioner's approach, holding the Chief Constable to account in a robust and effective way.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

Failure to achieve key policy commitments as highlighted in the Police and Crime Plan and associated media campaigns (volunteers, zero tolerance street drinking, maintaining officer numbers, increased visibility of policing, reduced crime and anti-social behaviour).

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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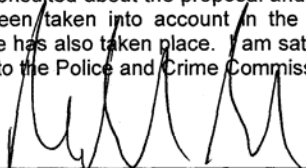
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ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

Originating Officer: The Chief Executive recommends this proposal for the reasons	Tick to confirm ✓
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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

Chief Executive	
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.	
Signature: 	Date: 20/1/2013