

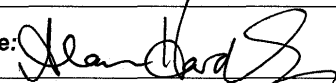
**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

REF: 004/2014
DATE: 31 January 2014

SUBJECT		RESEARCH FUND FOR POLICING TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME
REPORT BY	CHIEF CONSTABLE	
CONTACT OFFICER	Julie Hogan, Head of Strategic Development Telephone 01522 558243	
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT		
<p>This request relates to the provision of one off funding to enable research to support the Policing Transformation Programme to take place, as this will be required across financial years it is proposed that any balance of funding be treated as an earmarked reserve at the year end.</p> <p>Whilst provision has been made for the human resources to support the Programme and there is a mechanism in place to apply for funding of specific trials and projects (through the Performance and Productivity Reserve), no separate provision has been made for the purchase (or accounting) of low cost items, such as printing, facilitating public workshops etc. The potential consequence of this is that the PCC will receive a high number of requests for decisions on funding for small amounts and a disproportional level of bureaucracy could exist which would stifle the innovation required to make the Programme a success.</p>		
RECOMMENDATION	<p><i>That funding of £30,000 be allocated for use by the force in research and development relating to the Policing Transformation Programme from the Performance and Productivity Reserve and that any balance be treated as an earmarked reserve at the financial year end.</i></p>	

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

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

Signature:  Date: 31/01/14

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. The Policing Transformation Programme seeks to deliver efficiency savings, particularly of our front-line officers, through various innovative developments. The

programme incorporates the whole process of change, from initial idea generation through testing to full business case and implementation.

2. In order to undertake research effectively the force requires some funding to support associated activities. Such activities would fall within the force element of the process as described in the PTP Monitoring Matrix document and would typically be for surveys (to gather public or internal views), to facilitate external workshops or to enable research to be carried out in other forces or agencies. Currently, the only way to access such funding is via a decision request to the Commissioner, introducing a level of bureaucracy and delay that would be disproportionate to the amount requested.
3. This paper proposes that funding is allocated to the force for use in research activities to support the Policing Transformation Programme. These funds would be separately coded to enable transparency of accounting, thus enabling full oversight of spend within the Programme.
4. It is further proposed that the funding be initially set at £30,000. This amount will enable the force to undertake a significant amount of low cost research related activity with individual items not exceeding £5,000, with the majority being significantly lower than that. Full records of all expenditure will be retained within Strategic Development and monitored through the existing Programme governance, with accountability sitting with the Senior Responsible Officer for the Programme (myself) and quarterly review included in the PTP Development Report to the PCC.

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

The Policing Transformation Programme is designed to support delivery of the Police and Crime Plan and PCC's priorities to keep crime low, maintain and improve public satisfaction and confidence and to close the financial forecasted gap in 2016.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The provision of a budget for this work will enable transparency in financial reporting within the Policing Transformation Programme and to the PCC.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

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

The PCC receives all policing funding and other sources of income in relation to policing and crime reduction in accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The PCC therefore has the legal power to make this decision.

D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES

No known personnel or equalities issues related to this request.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The budget will be regularly monitored and spend will be reviewed through the established programme structure.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Senior Responsible Officer for the Policing Transformation Programme will be responsible for identifying and recording any risks associated with this decision.

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.

<p>Is the publication of this form to be deferred? No</p> <p>If Yes, for what reason:</p> <p>Until what date:</p>

Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate part 2 form.

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ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

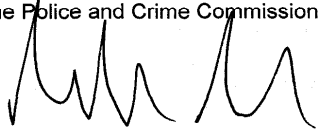
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Originating Officer: Julie Hogan recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	✓
Financial advice: The PCC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
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Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal	✓
Chief Constable: The Chief Constable has been consulted on this proposal	✓

OFFICER APPROVAL

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:

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Date:

31/1/14