# Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Lincolnshire Request for Decision

**Ref**: 10-2024 **Date**: 10 June 2024

Subject	Financial Governance and Performance Report 2021/22	
Report by:	Director of Finance & Corporate Services (s151)	
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# **Executive summary and purpose of report:**

To present the Financial Governance and Performance Report 2021/22 for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire. The report includes details of issues required to be reported under the Financial Contract and Procurement Regulations. It also includes the annual reports agreed as part of arrangements for performance management.

Recommendation:	That the Financial Governance 2021/22 appended to this report	
	be approved.	

#### **Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire**

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

Signature: Date: 10 June 2024

#### a. Non-confidential facts and advice to the PCC

#### a1. Introduction and background

- The purpose of the Financial Governance and Performance report is to provide details of those Financial and Procurement activities required under Financial, Contract and Procurement Regulations to be reported on an annual basis.
- 2. The report is broken down into the following sections:
  - Overall financial performance (Appendix A);
  - Commercial Activity (Procurement & Contract Management) (Appendix B);
  - Debt recovery (Appendix C);

- Insurance (Appendix D);
- Treasury Management Annual Report (Appendix E)
- 3. The report was presented at the Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) meeting on 4th October 2023, for review and comment. It is now incorporated into this decision request to recognise that the Financial Governance and Performance Report has been received and to make the report available.

# a2. Links to Police and Crime Plan and PCC's strategies/priorities

The Financial Governance and Performance Report provides monitoring information on financial and procurement activities, allowing the Police and Crime Commissioner to monitor and review the use of resources.

#### b. Financial considerations

These have been included in the Financial Governance and Performance Report.

## c. Legal and human rights considerations

The Police Act 1996 and the Code of Practice on Financial Management requires the Chief Finance Officer to advise the PCC on the safeguarding of assets, including risk management and insurance. Implementation of the arrangements is delegated to the Force.

Under Section 14 of the Police Act 1996, the PCC is required to set up and is responsible for the Police Fund. All money received must be paid into this fund and all expenditure met from it. The Secretary of State has issued a statutory code of practice under Section 39 of the 1996 Act. This recommends that day to day responsibility for financial management should be delegated to the Chief Constable within the scope of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Nonetheless, the Chief Finance Officer has a specific duty under the Code of Practice on Financial Management "to secure treasury management including loans and investments." However, for operational reasons, the Chief Finance Officer has delegated the daily management of loans and investment work to the Director of Finance & Corporate Services (s151).

#### d. Personnel and equalities issues

There are no direct personnel, equal opportunities or diversity issues arising from consideration of this report.

#### e. Review arrangements

The Financial Governance and Performance Report is the detail of the necessary annual review of financial and procurement activities against strategies and regulations.

# f. Risk management

The PCC's insurance arrangements form a key part of the overall approach to risk management. The levels of retained excess held on policies are designed to balance risk and the cost to the revenue budget of insurance provision.

The PCC and Force Risk Registers include sections on the Treasury Management activities. Regular control and operational reviews are undertaken.

# g. 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.

Is the publication of this form to be deferred?	No
If yes, for what reason?	
Until what date?	

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.

Is there a Part 2 form?	Yes
If yes, for what reason?	Includes sensitive information which should not be published.

# **Declarations**

Originating Officer:	Initial to confirm
The CC's Director of Finance and Corporate Services (S151) recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above	sc

The following people have been consulted on this proposal:	
The CC's Director of Finance and Corporate Services (S151)	SC
The A/Chief Constable	JD
The PCC's Chief Finance Officer	JF
The PCC's Monitoring Officer	MB

# 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.

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Signature:

Date: 10 June 2024