

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 8th March 2016

PANEL BUDGET 2015/16

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Executive Summary

This report outlines Panel expenditure to date in 2015/16 and confirms expenditure for 2014/15.

Recommendation

The Panel is asked to note expenditure for 2015/16 to date and expenditure for 2014/15, which will be published on the PCP website.

Background and Advice

The Government committed to providing limited funding to cover the costs of maintaining Police and Crime Panels. The host authority for a Police and Crime Panel in a police force area will receive annually up to £53,300 for costs of administering Panels and up to £920 for expenses per member (maximum 20 Panel members). This has been confirmed again by the Home Office for 2015/16 but no commitment has been made to funding for future years at this stage.

Home Office funding is provided via a grant agreement which is paid in arrears to Blackburn with Darwen as the host authority.

As part of the agreement to fund Police and Crime Panels, the Home Office have stipulated that for 2015/16 onwards a transparency requirement is now attached as a condition of the single grant payment to allow public scrutiny of PCP spending. This now requires PCPs to publish, as a minimum on their website, details of all their expenditure including all panel administration costs and individual panel member claims for expenses and allowances.

Attached at Appendix 1 is a breakdown of projected costs and expenditure for 2015/16, along with the breakdown for 2014/15 for transparency purposes.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

N/A

Legal Implications

From 2015/16 it is a condition of the funding from the Home Office that details of all expenditure are published as a minimum on the Panel's website.

Financial Implications

The host authority receives up to £53,300 annually for the costs of administering the Panel and up to £920 for expenses per member (maximum 20 Panel Members).

Risk management

N/A

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Grant documentation.

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Reasons for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Appendix 1

2015/16 (Projected)

Admin Costs £2,617.60

Staff Costs £44,400.84

Expenses £550.00

Total £47,568.44

2014/15

Admin Costs £2,858.10

Staff Costs £50,138.57

Expenses £181.57

Total £53,178.24

Note

Admin costs = travel costs, hospitality, printing, postage, website and PR&Comms.