

SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

PCC Decisions and Forward Plan

5 February 2021

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the formal decisions taken by the PCC between January and December 2020 and details of the Office's ongoing Forward Plan for 2021.

Decision Making and Accountability Framework

The Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) has in place a framework of governance, underpinned by mechanisms for control and management of risk. This framework enables him to discharge his statutory responsibilities, take decisions and hold the Chief Constable to account. Since his election in May 2016, the PCC has kept this system under review to ensure it remains fit for purpose. It is reviewed on an annual basis.

Decisions: Making and Publicising Key Decisions

The PCC is required to publish his "key decisions" to the public and needs to be able to demonstrate what decisions he has taken in order that these can then be scrutinised by the Police and Crime Panel (PCP). The PCC publishes a decision log on his website (www.surrey-pcc.gov.uk).

Decision Log – 2020

The PCC has signed off 56 formal decisions between January and December 2020. A majority of the decisions relate to the PCC's funds, namely, the Community Safety Fund, the Reducing Reoffending Fund, and the Victims' Fund. The PCC also took the decision in April 2020 to make available an additional £500,000 to support existing providers with their additional costs caused as a direct result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Thirty-eight of the 56 decisions taken during the given time period related to funding inclusive of this additional fund.

Records of all decisions are published at the following link on the PCC's website (<https://www.surrey-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/archive/decisions/>) unless the information relating to the decision is sensitive and exempt from public consumption. In these cases the records are kept solely within the PCC's office. No such decisions were taken in 2020.

Forward Plan 2021

The PCC will give advance notice to the public of when certain decisions will be made through the publication of a forward plan. This plan is updated on a regular basis by all staff with the OPCC for their relevant areas of work. A copy of this plan can be found on the PCC's website <https://www.surrey-pcc.gov.uk/2021/01/pcc-forward-plan-2020-21/>

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Panel is asked to note the report.

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