

## **POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

Meeting to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### **PANEL BUDGET 2019/20**

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### **Executive Summary**

This report outlines Panel expenditure to date in 2019/20.

### **Recommendation**

The Panel is asked to note expenditure for 2019/20 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 a maximum annually of up to £64,340 in total, which includes a maximum of £53,300 for costs of administering Panels and up to £920 for expenses per member to a maximum of £11,040 (maximum 20 Panel members). This has been confirmed again by the Home Office for 2020/21 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 stipulated that for 2015/16 onwards a transparency requirement was attached as a condition of the single grant payment to allow public scrutiny of PCP spending. This now required 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 as submitted to the Home Office in early March for the Grant Claim for 2019/20.

### **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 Grant Agreement includes a maximum of £53,300 for costs of administering Panels and up to £920 for expenses per member to a maximum of £11,040 (maximum 20 Panel members). This has been confirmed again by the Home Office for 2019/20 but no commitment has been made to funding for future years at this stage.

## **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

### 2019/20

Admin Costs £5,326.37

Staff Costs £18,494.72

Total £23,821.09

### Note

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