

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 20th July 2021

PANEL BUDGET 2020/21

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Executive Summary

This report outlines Panel expenditure to date in 2020/21.

Recommendation

The Panel is asked to note expenditure for 2020/21 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 was 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 2020/21.

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 was confirmed again by the Home Office for 2020/21 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

2020/21

Admin Costs £4,028.75

Staff Costs £17,127.89

Total £21,156.64

Note

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