

**RECORD OF DECISION**

**TITLE: Covid-19 Additional Funding**

Ref: PCC/D/2020/21

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Additional money has been granted to West Mercia in support of additional policing activity, specifically linked to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As custodian of assets on behalf of the public, this money is granted (in the first instance) from central Government to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

In order for the money to then be utilised by West Mercia Police, the PCC is required to make an in-year adjustment to the force budget, and then agree to transfer the money into operational force budgets.

**PROPOSAL**

It is proposed that the PCC vary both the existing force expenditure and income budgets for 2020/21, with an uplift of £466,243, reflecting the amount received from central Government, for additional policing activity linked to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**APPROVAL OF  
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the above proposal.

Signed



## **PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL/EXEMPT FACTS AND FIGURES**

### **SUPPORTING REPORT**

A total of £30m of additional funding has been granted by central Government to be allocated and distributed between all police forces in England and Wales in support of additional policing activity linked to Covid-19.

For West Mercia, this allocation represents a total of £466,243.

Government has been clear that it expects these resources to be used in support of activities such as police overtime linked to the pandemic, or other workforce pressures incurred by forces. It must also be used in respect of *additional* policing activity/ surge capacity, not in support of regular policing duties.

West Mercia Police has produced proposals for how this resource will be used in support of policing the Covid-19 pandemic, which have been scrutinised by the PCC.

It is proposed that the Commissioner approves an in-year adjustment to the force's operational budget, transferring the additional resources to the police, to undertake the additional planned policing activities.

### **FINANCIAL COMMENTS**

These funds will help offset additional costs incurred as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **TREASURER COMMENTS**

The Grant conditions are acceptable to the PCC and can be met within normal financial regulations.

### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner. That includes: entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not) and acquiring and disposing of property (including land).

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**OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive Officer**

Signature ..... *Andy Champness* ..... Date 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020