

JOB PROFILE

POST TITLE:	Treasurer			
GRADE:	N			
DIRECTORATE:	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, West Mercia			
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Chief Executive			
RESPONSIBLE FOR:	Head of Finance and Commissioning and Strategic Estates Manager			
LOCATION:	Hindlip Hall, Worcester			
JOB PURPOSE:	To be the principal advisor to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) on the preparation of financial strategies to achieve the commissioner's objectives. To work with the Chief Constable and the Force chief finance officer to ensure that the PCC's strategies are resourced and implemented in a timely and cost-effective way. To ensure that high standards of financial governance and control are maintained for all aspects of the Commissioner's activities. This is a statutory role and the statutory responsibilities of the Treasurer are set out in the following legislation: Paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 Sections 112 and 114 Local Government Finance Act 1988. This role is the Section 151 officer for the PCC.			

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Treasurer will provide professional advice on financial matters to the PCC, and will:

- Be a key member of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Senior Management Team, working flexibly as directed by the Chief Executive to implement strategy and to resource and deliver the PCC's strategic objectives sustainably and in the public interest
- 2. Lead on the development of the PCC's medium term financial plan

- 3. Be actively involved in, and able to influence, all strategic business decisions of the PCC, ensuring that all the financial implications, opportunities and risks are fully considered and align with the PCC's financial strategy
- 4. Ensure sound financial governance in the PCC's Office (OPCC) and Force, through the development of sound financial reporting frameworks and the OPCC risk management strategy
- 5. Provide advice on the levels of reserves and balances that is in line with good practice guidance
- 6. Lead the promotion and delivery by the PCC of good financial management so that public money is safeguarded and used appropriately, economically, efficiently, and effectively, and ensure that the finance function of the OPCC is resourced and fit for purpose
- Liaise with the force chief finance officer to advise the PCC and Chief Constable on value for money in relation to all aspects of PCC and Chief Constable / Force expenditure
- 8. Ensure that effective monitoring arrangements are in place to retain a clear view on how Force budgets are being spent and adhered to throughout the financial year
- 9. Ensure publication of the statement of accounts and other external reporting requirements of the PCC
- 10. Lead on the development of the Treasury Management Strategy
- 11. Closely scrutinise force saving plans to ensure that they are delivered
- 12. Jointly, with the Force chief finance officer, manage the Internal Audit function and support the audit committee; and
- 13. Any other responsibilities as required by the Chief Executive

The Treasurer of the PCC is responsible for:

- 14. Ensuring that the financial affairs of the PCC are properly administered and all financial regulations are observed and kept up to date
- 15. Ensuring regularity, propriety, and value for money in the use of public funds
- 16. Ensuring that the funding required to finance agreed programmes is available from government funding, precept, other contributions and recharges
- 17. Overseeing the Police and Crime Commissioner's Finance, Commissioning and Estates functions

- 18. Reports to the PCC, the Police and Crime Panel, and to the external auditors any unlawful, or potentially unlawful, expenditure by the PCC or officers of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- 19. Reporting to the PCC, the Police and Crime Panel, and to the external auditor when it appears that expenditure is likely to exceed the resources available to meet that expenditure
- 20. Advising the PCC on the robustness of the budget and adequacy of financial reserves
- 21. Ensuring production of the statements of accounts of the PCC
- 22. Ensuring receipt and scrutiny of the statements of accounts of the Chief Constable and ensuring production of the group accounts
- 23. Liaising with the external auditor
- 24. Advising the PCC on the application of value for money principles by the police force to support the PCC in holding the Chief Constable to account for efficient and effective financial management; and
- 25. Advising, in consultation with the Chief Executive, on the safeguarding of assets, including risk management and insurance
- **N.B.** The Treasurer of the PCC has certain statutory duties which cannot be delegated, namely: reporting any potentially unlawful decisions by the PCC on expenditure, and preparing each year, in accordance with proper practices in relation to accounts, a statement of the PCC's accounts, including group accounts. The Treasurer is the PCC's professional adviser on financial matters.

Special Conditions:	 This post is politically restricted under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended). Travel throughout the West Mercia area and occasional travel across England and Wales On call commitment and requirement to work unsociable hours including weekends
Security level:	Management Vetting

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Knowledge:

Essential:

• Member of an accountancy body recognised by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), qualified through examination.

Desirable:

- Degree level or equivalent in an area related to public sector policy making or the management of resources
- Knowledge and experience of modern processes for the effective allocation of resources

Experience:

Essential:

- Experience of managing large scale budgets in the public sector
- Proven experience of operating at a strategic level in a political and high profile public environment
- Proven negotiation and influencing skills at a senior level within complex stakeholder relationships
- Recent experience of working at a strategic level with partner organisations to plan and deliver effective services
- Recent direct experience of designing and monitoring sound and effective corporate governance arrangements
- Experience of large scale financial appraisals and decision making on complex projects

Desirable:

Recent experience within the Policing and Community Safety sector

Key Skills:

 Adhere to international standards set by IFAC on ethics and Continuing Professional Development

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS CHECKLIST: POLICE STAFF POSTS

Section 1: Allowances		No
Shift working		✓
Weekend working		✓
Unsocial hours		✓
Night working		✓
Essential Car User		✓
Casual Car User	✓	
On Call		✓
Subscriptions Paid		✓
Section 2: Other Conditions	Yes	No
Flexi-time Scheme applicable to role	✓	
Regular travel throughout the West Mercia Policing Area	✓	
Politically Restricted post	✓	
Warranted Powers Please list powers:		√
Wearing of uniform		✓
Continue 2: Consumity I avail (Consumity)	Vas	Na
Section 3: Security Level (See notes)	Yes	No
Counter Terrorist Check (CTC)		✓
Security Check (SC)		✓
Developed Vetting (DV)		✓
Management Vetting (MV)	✓	

Section 4: Health and Safety (See notes)		No
Frequent Physical Effort required Please give brief details:		~
Exposure to disturbing/unpleasant images or tasks Please give brief details:		✓
Unpleasant Working Conditions Please give brief details:		√
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required Please list equipment required:		✓
Medical examination		✓
Hearing test		✓
Eye sight test		✓
Night worker		✓
Lone working		✓
Section 5: Additional Responsibilities	Yes	No
Fire Warden		✓
Section 6: Mandatory Training Requirements	Yes	No
Personal Safety Training		✓