

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Title: Approval of Pension Forfeiture Policy
Decision number: 015/2013
Author and Job Role: Alison Bolton, Chief Executive
Protective Marking: Part One

Background

The Police Pension Regulations 1987 as amended by the Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2011, allow a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), as the 'pension supervising authority', to determine forfeiture of a police officer's pension in the certain circumstances. A PCC may consider forfeiture where an officer has committed an offence of treason, one or more offences under the Official Secrets Act (if he or she is sentenced to at least 10 years imprisonment) or in those cases where an offence has been committed in connection with a person's police service which is certified by the Home Secretary as 'particularly serious'. Similar powers apply in the case of police staff.

It is important that the Commissioner is in a position to follow due process and make informed decisions on the forfeiture of pensions. To allow him to do so, a Pensions Forfeiture Policy has been drafted. The policy has been reviewed by the Force solicitor. The policy will be published on the Commissioner's website.

Recommendation

That the Commissioner approves the Pension Forfeitures Policy and ensures that it is kept under review.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature: 

Date: 15th March 2013

Areas of consideration

Consultation

The Chief Executive has sought advice on the policy from the Force solicitor.

Financial implications

None arising.

Risks

None arising.

Equality and diversity and Human Rights

No issues arising.