

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Financial Assistance Claims Policy
Decision number: 010/2018
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Executive Summary:

From time to time, police officers and staff find themselves in circumstances where they are the subject of legal proceedings which might bring into question their actions or inactions. The Police & Crime Commissioner recognises the importance of officers and staff being able to carry out their duties in the confidence that the organisation will support them by providing necessary financial assistance in legal proceedings where they have acted reasonably and in good faith.

The Home Office has recently published a Circular 010/2017 which provides guidance to Police & Crime Commissioners on claims for financial assistance from officers, former officers and staff involved in legal proceedings. This circular replaces the previous Home Office Circular 43/2001.

The PCC's policy and procedure now requires minor amendments to ensure it is reflective of the amended circular. The amendments remove previous references to the Police Authority and provide clarity on the types of legal proceedings that qualify for assistance.

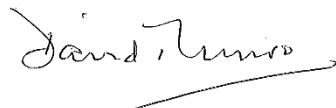
Recommendation:

That the amended policy for Financial Assistance Claims be approved.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date:

12/04/2018

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

The Home Office prepared its guidance following consultation with the Police Superintendents' Association and the Police Federation of England and Wales, the Chief Police Officers' Staff Association, the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, the Police and Crime Commissioner Treasurers' Society, the Association of Policing and Crime Chief Executives and the National Police Chief's Council.

Financial implications

None.

Legal

None.

Risks

None.

Equality and diversity

None.

Risks to human rights

None.