

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Funding towards Video Enabled Justice
Decision number: 23/2020
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Executive Summary:

The PCC has been asked for a contribution towards the cost of the intensive support and exit plan for delivering the video enabled justice extended remand hearings. This programme of work, being led by the Sussex PCC's office, will support Video Remand Hearings across a five force area and provide a substantial model and platform to keep court users safe, protect the NHS and put Surrey and Sussex in a commanding position to support video enabled justice as it progresses.

Background

Since the start of the Covid 19 pandemic, the Video Enabled Justice team, on behalf of the 5 force region, has delivered 5 fully virtual courts (including one in Guildford), enabled by the VEJ solution and process.

The funding period for the VEJ project came to an end on 30th April, although further funding was required given a number of extra requirements and demands imposed on the VEJ programme as a result of the Covid pandemic. This funding will ensure that any outstanding support can be provided, ensuring a smooth transition into 'business as usual' for the handover to HMCTS.

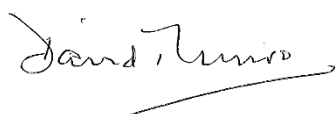
Recommendation:

That the PCC contributes £60,000 towards the cost of the VEJ work resulting from recent additional requirements.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 07/05/2020

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

The PCC has been briefed by the PCC for Sussex, as lead on VEJ work.

Financial implications

At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £500,000 from the operational reserve to ensure essential services continued support to local vulnerable residents in Surrey. This funding will come from the Covid fund.

Legal

N/A

Risks

N/A

Equality and diversity

N/A.

Risks to human rights

N/A