

DECISION PAPER

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TITLE: ANTI-FRAUD AND ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY

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Executive Summary

The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to consider and approve the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy.

Recommendation

The Police and Crime Commissioner is recommended to approve the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption strategy as set out in the report.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date 10th April 2019

1. Background and Advice

One of the basic principles of public sector organisations is the proper use of public funds. It is, therefore, important that all those who work in the public sector are aware of the risk of and means of enforcing the rules against fraud, bribery and other legal acts involving dishonesty. In carrying out its functions and responsibilities the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire are firmly committed to dealing with and reducing fraud, bribery and corruption and will seek the appropriate disciplinary, regulatory, civil and criminal sanctions against perpetrators both within and outside of the organisation.

The purpose of this strategy is to provide a strategic overview outlining the framework arrangements in place to develop and maintain an anti-fraud culture within Lancashire, which encourages prevention, promotes detection and provides an effective process for reporting and investigating suspected acts of fraud.

The strategy applies to all civilian and police staff, contractors and any third party or agency staff working on behalf of Lancashire, with the exception of the post of Deputy Commissioner, where other arrangements apply. The policy is also supported by a number of inter related policies, regulations, orders and protocols:

- Gifts & Hospitality Policy;
- Financial Regulations;
- Staff Conduct Policy;
- Corporate Governance Framework

The strategy which is attached at **Appendix A**, includes reference to all the key relevant legislation and details the approach, the responsibilities, the response plan and the arrangements for monitoring and reviewing its effectiveness.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The rationalisation of the police estate in Lancashire effectively supports the delivery of local policing as determined by the Police and Crime Plan and the Chief Constable's Strategic Strategy.

3. Consultations

4. Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

a. Legal

There are no legal implications directly arising from this report

b. Financial

There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

c. Equality considerations

There are no direct equality implications in the making of this decision.

5 Risk Management

6. Background Papers

7. Public access to information

Information contained in this decision is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. This decision will be made available on the Commissioner's website.

Officer declaration	Date
As above	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	
As above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS	71
As above	
CONSULTATION	

Chief Executive Officer (Monitoring Officer)

I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.

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