



From: Ann Barnes, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner
To: Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel
Subject: Commissioner's Key Decisions – November & December 2015
Item & Date: 2 February 2016

Decision: Appointment of Legally Qualified Chairs for Police Misconduct Hearings, and to enter into a collaborative appointment model with Hampshire, Kent, Thames Valley, Surrey and Sussex Police and Crime Commissioners.

Justification: As a result of amendments to the Police (Conduct) Regulations, Police and Crime Commissioners have a statutory responsibility for the nomination of Legally Qualified Chairs to sit on Police Misconduct Hearings from the 1 January 2016. A joint recruitment and appointment process within the collaborative model above ensured the most cost efficient and effective model of delivery for this statutory responsibility.

Decision: Public consultation on the Commissioners flexibility to raise the policing element of the council tax precept by £5.00.

Justification: The Chancellor announced the flexibility for the ten Police and Crime Commissioners whose precept was in the bottom quartile to raise the council tax precept by £5.00 (Band D property) rather than the 1.99% capped levy. As Kent is one of those areas identified, the Commissioner wished to canvass the views of the public to help inform her decision making in this regard.

Decision: To award Victim Support the contract for delivery of core victim services in Kent for three years with the option of extending annually for a further three years.

Justification: Through a competitive tendering process, Victim Support was successful in securing the contract to provide a quality and cost effective service to victims' of crime in Kent.

