

# Record of Decision

**ORIGINATOR:** Head of Policy  
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**REFERENCE:** OPCC.D.001.16

**TITLE:** Schemes of Consent

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Financial Management Code of Practice (FMCP), updated in October 2013, lays out the purpose of a Scheme of Consent which should be prepared by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

A large number of formal powers to make decisions rest with the Commissioner, but in practice their Chief of Staff, Chief Finance Officer and the Chief Constable need to make decisions if they are to do their jobs effectively.

The Schemes of Consent detail the key responsibilities of the Commissioner, and recognising certain decisions cannot be delegated by law, provide clarity to the Chief of Staff, Chief Finance Officer and the Chief Constable about the extent to which they can make decisions and the extent to which they must seek the Commissioner's views. Until such Schemes are in place, they effectively have no powers to make decisions (except the Chief Constable's ability to take operational decisions).

The Schemes are supported by other key elements of governance including the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.

The Scheme does not identify all the statutory duties contained in specific laws and regulations, nor does it attempt to list all matters which form part of everyday management responsibilities.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner is strongly recommended to adopt the proposed Schemes of Consent.

## DECISION

To endorse and sign the proposed Schemes of Consent for:

- the Chief of Staff and Chief Finance Officer; and
- the Chief Constable.

**Chief Finance Officer:**

Comments: A very necessary scheme to effective financial performance

Signature: [Redacted] Date: 12/May/2016

**Chief of Staff:**

Comments: Commissioner these allow for the effective delivery of Policing by the Chief Constable and for both myself and the CFO to discharge our duties on your behalf. They can be removed at any time.

Signature: [Redacted] Chief of Staff Date: 12<sup>5</sup>/2016

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR KENT**

Comments: Authorised and signed.

Signature: [Redacted] Date: 12 May 2016

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:** Proposed Schemes of Consent for:

- the Chief of Staff and Chief Finance Officer;
- the Chief Constable.

<b>IMPACT ASSESSMENT:</b>	
Police and Crime Plan <i>(please indicate which objectives decision/recommendation supports)</i>	Supports delivery of the Commissioner's Six Point Plan and associated governance arrangements.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been completed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>(If yes, please include within background documents)</i>
Will the decision have a differential/adverse impact on any particular diversity strand? <i>(e.g. age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion/belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage/civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Scheme of Consent supports effective governance and is administrative in nature. Therefore, it does not have a differential/adverse impact on any particular strand of diversity.