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Old Court Room, Wakefield Town Hall

Police and Crime Panel Budget

Item 6

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1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to

- Inform the Panel of the funding position for the Panel for 2012/13 and seek agreement for the Panel budget for 2012/13.

2. Home Office Support

2.1 The Government has committed to provide limited funding to cover the costs of maintaining Police and Crime Panels. The host authority for a Police and Crime Panel in a police force area will receive annually £53,300 for costs of administering Panels and £920 for expenses per member (maximum 20 Panel members).

2.2 For 2012-13 the amounts provided to host authorities will be adjusted pro-rata as Panels will be in operation for only part of the year. To reflect the costs host authorities and members have occurred in setting up Panels so that they are ready for the Commissioner's arrival in mid-November, it has been agreed to start funding for 2012-13 from 10th October.

2.3 West Yorkshire PCP will receive pro-rated funding in 2012-13 to cover the period October to March. This will, in effect be half of the annual allocation. The funding will be provided via a grant agreement, and will be paid in arrears in one payment to Wakefield Council, as host authority in March 2013.

2.4 In future years the payment of the grant will be at least two payments per year but further details have yet to be confirmed.

3. Local Authority Contributions

3.1 As part of the initial decision making around the establishment of a Police and Crime Panel for West Yorkshire, the AWYA Council, comprising of the five West Yorkshire Leaders, considered the support and resources that the Panel might require to carry out its responsibilities on behalf of the communities in West Yorkshire.

3.2 It was agreed that staff would be required to provide the Panel with the necessary support around research, performance monitoring, complaints, communications, servicing and administration. These staff would be in addition to the existing core

AWYA staff that are currently supporting the Panel as well the West Yorkshire Chief Executives and Leaders.

- 3.3 The West Yorkshire Authorities, therefore, agreed to make an additional contribution of £13,300 per authority to support the work of the Panel for the next 12 months with a view to this being reviewed when the workload and the level of support required is clearer.

4. Panel Support

- 4.1 The additional local authority contribution referred to above was based on a proposal to recruit a full time Policy Analyst and a Research/Scrutiny level officer along with a part-time administration post.
- 4.2 However, as the transition towards the new arrangements has got nearer and further detail has emerged from close working with the current Police Authority staff who will in turn transfer to work as part of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) a view has been taken that a Policy Analyst post is not required at this stage.
- 4.3 Much key information will be made available from the OPCC and protocols and agreements around ways of working and information sharing are currently being drawn up to avoid duplication of work across the OPCC and the Panel.
- 4.4 In the circumstances, it has been agreed to commence the recruitment of a Scrutiny/Research Officer and a full time administrative post at this time and to review the position when the workload and the Panel's support requirements are better known.
- 4.5 The funding allocated for the additional vacant post will remain ring-fenced within the Panel's budget pending review. In the meantime, additional specialist advice or services could be drawn down if needed.

5. Police and Crime Panel Costs

Panel Allowances

- 5.1 Each local authority is responsible for making arrangements to pay an allowance to its own Panel Members.
- 5.2 It has been agreed that the allowance for Independent Co-opted Members will be paid from the Panel budget, made up of the Government Grant and Local Authority contributions.

Panel Expenses

5.4 Where Panel members receive an allowance, they will not receive additional out of pocket expenses unless the Panel Members is partaking in duties outside of West Yorkshire or in other exceptional circumstances.

5.5 If Panel members do not receive an allowance from their authority, the £920 from the Home Office towards member expenses will be paid.

6.0 Expert Advice

6.1 To ensure that the necessary frameworks are in place in time for the appointment of the Commissioner and the commencement of the statutory role of the Panel, it has been necessary to commission some additional expert advice to assist in the development of the a number of policies and procedures including the Partnership agreement between the Panel and Commissioner and its constituent protocols which are reported elsewhere on this agenda.

6.2 The draft budget makes provision for the further draw down of expert advice should it be required in lieu of an additional post.

7.0 Recommendations:

The Panel is asked to:

- Note the funding position for the Panel for 2012/13 and agreed the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel budget for 2012/13.

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL DRAFT BUDGET – 2012/13**Income**

	Based on Full Year	2012/13
Home Office Grant	66,180	33,090
LA Contribution (£13,335 x5)	66,675	33,337
Total Income	132,855	66,427

Expenditure

Independent Member Allowances	23,000	11,500
1x G9 Research & Intelligence Officer	37,784	18,892
1 x G5 Support officer	23,128	11,564
Member Expenses	1,840	920
Central support charges	3,200	1,600
Office costs (telephones, computers)	3,500	1,750
Comms	2,000	1,000
Monitoring Officer Advice	5,200	2,600
Panel meeting costs	1,500	750
Expert advice	10,000	7,875
Total Expenditure	111,152	58,451

Ring-fenced Reserve **7,976**