

ORIGINATOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DECISION NUMBER: 13 - 2020

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: SCHEME OF GOVERNANCE AND CONSENT

SUMMARY:

- 1 The COVID-19 outbreak has required the Police and Crime Commissioner to make some practical changes to the everyday conduct of normal business.
- 2 In order to ensure that such practical changes are in full accord with the Scheme of Governance and Consent, flexibility is required with regard to the Decision-Making and Accountability Framework within the Scheme.
- 3 It is therefore proposed to amend the Framework to vest the Chief Executive with authority to make practical changes to the Framework.

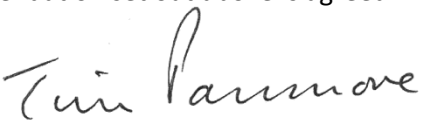
RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Decision-Making and Accountability Framework within the Scheme of Governance and Consent be amended to include the following new wording:

“7.1.2 The Chief Executive has general authority and discretion to suspend the operation of any part of the framework where the practicalities of the circumstances reasonably require it and, if desired, to replace such operation with any alternative arrangement.”

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

Signature 

Date 19.05.20

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The COVID-19 outbreak has required the Police and Crime Commissioner to make some practical changes to the everyday conduct of normal business.
- 1.2 The Audit Committee, for example, which normally meets in public, was held via a telephone conference in the interests of safety and where the public could not attend. The papers and minutes (in due course) are all publicly available on the PCC website. This Committee meets in public in usual circumstances as the Decision-Making and Accountability Framework of the Scheme of Governance and Consent provides. Likewise the Accountability and Performance Panel also meets in public.
- 1.3 It is considered appropriate that in view of the COVID-19 outbreak to have flexibility in the interests of safety as to the application of the Decision-Making and Accountability Framework, so that some meetings may not be held in public as the PCC would normally require.
- 1.4 In order to allow this flexibility it is proposed to amend the wording of the Framework as set out in the Recommendation which will give authority to the Chief Executive to make changes to meeting and other arrangements.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 2.1 There are no financial implications arising from this paper.

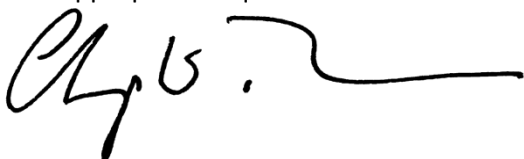
3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

- 3.1 There are no other material implications or risks arising from this proposal.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	YES
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	YES
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	YES
Have human resource implications been considered?	YES
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	YES
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	YES
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	YES
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	YES

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.</p> <p>Signature:  Date 19.05.20</p>
