

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report:

Police and Crime Commissioners Treasurers Society (PACCTS) Subscription
Renewal 2024/25

Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioners Treasurers Society (PACCTS) provides a forum for members to share expertise on issues affecting police finance and enables members to speak with a united voice to central government to promote the values and interests of Police (Fire) and Crime Commissioners.
- 1.2 PACCTS is funded by a small annual subscription from each member which contributes towards the costs of the Society's events and the Technical Support Team.
- 1.3 The PFCC for Essex is currently a member of PACCTS.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Commissioner agrees to pay £2,070 (£1,725 plus VAT) for continued membership of PACCTS in 2024/25.

3. Background to the Proposal

- 3.1 PACCTS represents the Treasurer (Chief Financial Officer) to each of the 41 Police (Fire) and Crime Commissioners (P(F)CCs) covering England and Wales outside of London. It also represents the Treasurer of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and the Chamberlain of the Common Council of the City of London.
- 3.2 The Chief Financial Officer at each P(F)CC has the statutory responsibility for securing proper management of the finances of their P(F)CC. Membership of PACCTS assists with this, as set out in section 4 below.

4. Proposal and Associated Benefits

- 4.1 Continued membership of PACCTS provides the Chief Finance Officer of the Essex PFCC with expert advice on various policy areas of interest to the Society such as:

- Audit
- Commercial
- Data & Performance
- Financial Management
- ICT & Digital
- Police Funding
- Workforce, People, Pensions & Pay.

- 4.2 This expert advice assists the PFCC in ensuring budgeted resources are closely aligned with policing priorities and maximise the impact of crime reduction initiatives.

5. Options Analysis

- 5.1 The PFCC could choose not to continue with their membership, though this is not recommended as it would make it much harder for the PFCC to obtain expert advice to ensure budgeted resources are closely aligned with policing priorities and maximise the impact of crime reduction initiatives.

6. Consultation and Engagement

- 6.1 This proposal has been discussed at the PFCC's Management Team Meeting

7. Strategic Links

- 7.1 This decision would support the Commissioner's responsibility to set the budget for the force area, which includes allocating enough money from the overall policing budget to ensure that the Commissioner can discharge their functions effectively.

8. Police operational implications

- 8.1 There are no operational policing implications arising from this decision.

9. Financial implications

- 9.1 The cost of this subscription is £2,070 for 2024/25. This is an increase from £1,980 in 2023/24 (a 4.5% increase). This will be funded from the PFCC's Subscription Budget.

10. Legal implications

- 10.1 There are no legal implications arising from this decision, other than the commitment to pay the subscription.

11. Staffing implications

- 11.1 There are no direct staffing implications arising from this decision.

12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications

- 12.1 There is no expectation that there will be any equality, diversity and Inclusion implications arising from this decision.

13. Risks and Mitigations

- 13.1 The risk of not paying the subscription is that the PFCC will not receive any expert advice to ensure budgeted resources are closely aligned with policing priorities and maximise the impact of crime reduction initiatives.

14. Governance Boards

- 14.1 This proposal was discussed at the PFCC's Management Team.

15. Links to Future Plans

- 15.1 This decision will support delivery of the Police and Crime Plan as the expert advice given ensures budgeted resources are closely aligned with policing priorities and maximise the impact of crime reduction initiatives.

16. Background Papers and Appendices

- 16.1 Invoice from PACCTS

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the PFCC's Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.



Chief Executive / M.O.

Sign:

Print: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 28 June 2024



Chief Finance Officer

Sign:

Print: Janet Perry

Date: 25th June 2024

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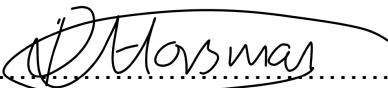
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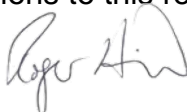
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Print: Darren Horsman - Deputy MO

Chief Executive / Chief Finance Officer

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 03/07/2024

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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