

NOTICE OF DELEGATION OF DECISION TO CABINET MEMBER BY STRONG LEADER

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I, J-P Campion, as Strong Leader, delegate the decision to approve the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel budget to the Cabinet Member detailed below:

Cabinet Member for Resources and Transformation – Cllr Nathan Desmond

Dated:

27th Feb 2013

Signed:

Leader of the Council

NOTICE OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER

Pursuant Section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by section 63 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the senior executive member may discharge any of the functions that are the responsibility of the Cabinet or may arrange for them to be discharged by another member of the Cabinet or Officer. On 1st December 2010, the Council adopted the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance 2011 as required under Part 3 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act).

In accordance with the authority delegated to me by the Leader, I have made the following decision:

Subject	Decision	Reason for decision	Date for Decision to be taken
West Midlands Police and Crime Panel (PCP) Budget	To approve the draft budget for the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (PCP) for 2013/14.	It is a requirement for all local authorities in the West Mercia area to approve the draft budget for the PCP for 2013/14 in advance of 1 April 2013.	27/02/13

I confirm that the appropriate statutory officer consultation has taken place with regard to this decision.

Dated:

27/02/13

Signed:



Councillor:

N. DESMOND
Cabinet Member

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**COUNCIL MEETING****27TH FEBRUARY 2013****Resourcing the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel**

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME:	Stronger Communities
CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITY:	Delivering Together with Less
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Nathan Desmond
DIRECTOR:	Joanne Wagstaffe Director of Resources
CONTACT OFFICER:	Joanne Wagstaffe Director of Resources
APPENDICES:	None

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to approve the draft budget for the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (PCP) for 2013/14

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Council is asked to **APPROVE :-**

That the draft budget for the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel for 2013/14 April (1 April 2013 - 31 March 2014) be approved.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As outlined in the Panel Arrangements for the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel, agreed by Worcestershire County Council on 17 May 2012, a draft budget for the operation of the Panel shall be drawn up by the Lead (host) authority each year. This is Worcestershire County Council for the West Mercia Police area. This draft budget must be approved each year by all the local authorities in West Mercia in advance of 1 April. The Panel must then operate within the approved budget.
- 3.2 The Home Office will provide funding to Host Authorities to support the running costs of the Police and Crime Panels to ensure that the Panels are able to carry out their functions and responsibilities as set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The confirmed funding will be £53,000 per annum for running costs plus an additional £920 per annum per member to fund necessary expenses (this is intended to cover attendance at meetings and travel expenses). The funding notionally allocated towards member expenses is unringfenced and can therefore be used flexibly to support the Panel.

- 3.3 In the West Mercia area this will provide an annual budget for the Panel of £68,640 in a full year from 2013/14.
- 3.4 The funding from the Home Office is limited. A flat rate is being provided to Host Authorities with no account taken on the size or complexity of force areas and given this constraint, steps have been taken to minimise costs wherever possible. There is no requirement for the money to be spent in a particular way.
- 3.5 The Panel has considered the draft budget, as outlined in Table 1 and has recommended that it be approved by all the local authorities in the advance of 1 April 2013. The budget allocation is based on the grant money received from the Home Office and no additional financial contribution is being sought from the local authorities in the West Mercia area to support the Panel.

Table 1**Indicative 2013/2014 Budget Costs**

(1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014)

Service	Indicative cost £
Professional Officer Support	45,000
Meeting Support	5,200
Contingency	2,800
Sub Total	53,000
Members Expenses	15,640
Total Budget 2013/2014	68,640

- 3.6 The Host Authority is responsible for the sound financial management of the funds to support the Panel, including ensuring that support provided is contained within the central government grant. Accounting records will be maintained within the SAP financial systems used by Worcestershire County Council. Monitoring of actual spend against the grant funded budget will be carried out by the Host Authority to the requirements as set out in the Grant Agreement, and which will be subject to inspection and audit.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 There are no key issues.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 It is a requirement for all local authorities in the West Mercia area to approve the draft budget for the PCP for 2013/14 in advance of 1 April 2013. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 introduced new duties on all local authorities in a police force area.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 None.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 None.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 See Recommendation.

10. CONSULTEES

- 10.1 West Mercia Police and Crime Panel.