

Record of Decision

ORIGINATOR: Communications Manager

REFERENCE: OPCC.D.014.17

TITLE: Launch of new Office of the Kent Police & Crime Commissioner website

OPEN **CONFIDENTIAL**

Reason if Confidential:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following the launch of the new Kent Police website in 2016, under the same contract the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) was afforded the opportunity to develop and re-launch its own website.

By doing so, there was considered to be a number of benefits in terms of engagement and transparency, including:

- meeting national accessibility standards;
- making webpages available in a multitude of different languages;
- optimisation for mobile devices;
- streamlining office processes by allowing members of the public to request a meeting with the Commissioner online, or partners to submit funding bids online.

The layout would also be more flexible, allowing better promotion of awareness campaigns and public consultations (when required).

There would be no cost to the OPCC for creating the website, as it formed part of the contract tendered for the new Kent Police website.

Whereas the OPCC website was hosted by a third party with associated tech-support costs, the new website would also benefit from 24/7 support from the same company which provides the Kent Police website.

RECOMMENDATION

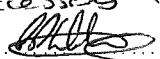
Under the same contract as Kent Police, the Commissioner is recommended to launch the new website on 1 March 2017.

DECISION

To launch the new website on 1 March 2017.


Chief Finance Officer:

Comments: This is a sensible solution to ensuring that the OPEC website is accessible and meets the demands of the public. As it forms part of the Kent Police contract it avoids the OPEC spending unnecessary funds to develop a separate solution. Approved.

Signature:  **Date:** 17/13/17


Chief of Staff:

Comments: This makes the office fully accessible to the public in a modern up to date site. There is minimal cost due to being part of the Kent Police contract. I fully support.

Signature:  **Date:** 17/3/2017

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR KENT

Comments: Saves money, improves governance & accessibility.

Signature:  **Date:** 17/3/2017

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

Police and Crime Plan
(please indicate which objectives decision/recommendation supports)

Supports delivery of the Commissioner's Six Point Plan by ensuring the highest possible standards of transparency and openness, and enabling greater levels of public engagement.

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been completed?

Yes No *(If yes, please include within background documents)*

Will the decision have a differential/adverse impact on any particular diversity strand?
(e.g. age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion/belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage/civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity)

Yes No
There will be no differential/adverse impact on any particular strand of diversity. In fact, the new website improves accessibility for a number of diverse groups through compliance with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 and making information available in a number of different languages.