

# Record of Decision

ORIGINATOR: Chief of Staff

REFERENCE: OPCC.D.004.16

TITLE: Additional funding to assist with Firearms Licensing backlog

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a rural county, Kent has a large number of registered firearms owners - approximately 27,000 - many of whom include land owners, farmers, and members of gun clubs.

Firearms licensing is an important legal process that is in place to help maintain strict gun laws; residents applying for certificates are complying with legislation.

Additional funding will ensure extra staff are available to help clear the backlog of licence renewals and new applications, which currently stands at around nine months. Renewal applicants have in the meantime been issued with temporary licenses.

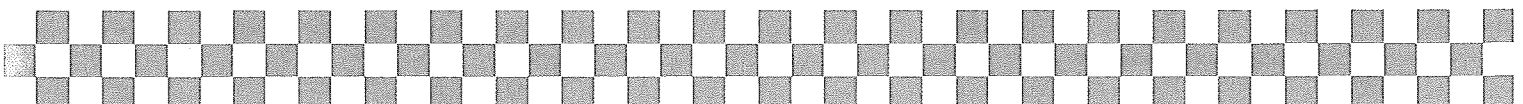
Whilst Kent Police have a longer-term solution, the additional funding will provide immediate assistance to help address the backlog more quickly.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner is strongly recommended to provide an additional £39,000 of funding to assist with the backlog outlined above.

## DECISION

To approve additional funding of £39,000.



**Chief Finance Officer:**

**Comments:**

This is fully funded from the independent

Signature: .....



Date: .....

31/5/2016

**Chief of Staff:**

**Comments:**

I fully support the provision of additional funding to assist in dealing with the backlog of applications and renewals. Hence term plans are in the process of being implemented for a permanent solution.

Signature: .....

A.J. Harper Chief of Staff

Date: .....

31/5/2016

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR KENT**

**Comments:**

This is in support of my commitment to tackle the backlog and ensure an effective and efficient service.

Signature: .....



Date: .....

31/05/16

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

Business case prepared by the Force.

**IMPACT ASSESSMENT:**

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

Supports delivery of the Commissioner's Six Point Plan; notably cutting crime and reducing re-offending by ensuring firearms are legally held and relevant legislation complied with.

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   
No – the funding will be used to help reduce the backlog in licence renewals and new applications as per existing Kent Police policy and relevant Standard Operating Procedures. There will be no differential/adverse impact on any particular strand of diversity.