

SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

Purpose: Commissioner Decision DLI267

Timing: Routine

Title: Legally Qualified Chairs Terms and Conditions

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Quality of Service

Executive Summary:

The Police (Conduct) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 requires the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to hold a register of Lawyers who satisfy certain judicial appointment eligibility conditions, these Lawyers are known as Legally Qualified Chairs (LQC). The LQC will Chair Police Misconduct Hearings in cases of allegations of gross misconduct by police officers.

The Association of Police and Crime Commissioner's Chief Executive (APACE) have recently undertaken a review of the terms and conditions awarded to LQCs and have produced a Handbook for all Police and Crime Commissioners to adopt.

The handbook does recommend an increase in professional fees which are in line with the Home Office fees payable to Legally Qualified Chairs of Police Appeal Tribunals.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to approve adopting the LQC Handbook.

Recommendation:

Financial – Daily rate for chairing Hearings increased to £511.56 and maximum preparatory rate increased to £1050.00.

Police and Crime Plan – To deliver an effective and efficient police force

Welsh language – No implications identified

HR – No implications identified

Equality – No implications identified

This financial impact will be picked up via the OPCC office budget.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Nolan Principles for Conduct in Public Life. The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Date: 26th May 2022

