

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 6 September 2019

Officers present:

Received in OPCC Date: 6 September

OPCC Ref: EXE00008/19

Title: Care Leavers' Council Tax Discount Scheme

Summary of Issue:

It is recognised that individuals leaving care are a vulnerable group and may need ongoing support in the Community.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to be part of a Countywide approach that provides support to Care Leavers' by reducing their Council Tax liability to zero.

The approach has been agreed through a Countywide Memorandum of Understanding which is attached and sets out that the Commissioner will need to contribute a proportionate amount of the total cost of the scheme as follows:

'...the percentage calculated as the preceptor's Band D tax divided by the total Band D tax (billing authorities plus major preceptors) for the authority and the year concerned.'

This means that if the Police and Crime Commissioner's element of the Council Tax bill represented 10% of the total bill (excluding parish and town council charges) then the Commissioner would fund 10% of the discount granted to the care leavers.

The Commissioner has also agreed that he will fund similar schemes at Leicester City and Rutland County Council on request.

It is difficult to anticipate the overall costs of the scheme but it is expected that it will not exceed £15,000 per annum in total.

There is a budget available to fund the proportionate cost of discretionary Council Tax schemes which will be able to cover these costs.

The scheme was effective from 1 April 2019 and the costs will be charged back to the Police and Crime Commissioner by the billing authorities.

Recommendation(s) presented:

1. Support the provision of a Council Tax discount across the County in line with the attached memorandum of understanding with effect from 1 April 2019.
2. Support the provision of similar schemes in Leicester City and Rutland County Council upon request.

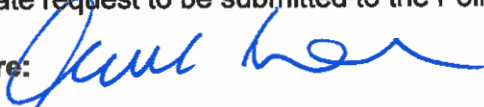
Key discussion points

It was resolved that:

OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Signature: 

Name:  Date: 7/10/17

Publication Scheme

Decision of Monitoring Officer:

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire I have determined that:

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the report proposing this course of action prepared by either of the senior post holders in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (i.e. either the Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer) : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : **Yes**

Reasons for any non Publication (referencing appropriate legislation): None

Signature: 

Name:  Date: 7.10.17

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

Supported

Signature

W. J. Smith

Date:

19.11.19