



Request for decision: D01-2017

Subject matter: Road Safety Partnership

Executive summary:

Information obtained from a meeting at the College of Policing, Ryton concerning a legal challenge that was being pursued in respect of the charges made via NDORS in respect of speed awareness and other courses delivered by local authorities and others was noted. It was claimed that course providers were only entitled to recover, in addition to the agreed cost of police processing the offer of courses instead of a court summons (£35), the cost of delivering the course. In particular, police forces are being advised that any profit or surplus being received by course providers was unlawful. Currently the entire costs of the Road Safety Partnership were being funded by the NDORS courses which would appear to be unlawful. Although it had been suggested that legislation could be brought forward to allow such a levy to be charged this was unlikely to be enacted for between 12 and 18 months and would not in any event be retrospective.

Recommendations (with reasons for that recommendation)

In order to protect the interests of the Chief Constable and the PCC, the latter proposed to give notice to the County Council that he was withdrawing the Constabulary from the current partnership with effect from 31 March 2017.

It was agreed that this decision needed to be taken at this extraordinary meeting as the PCC was due to attend a meeting with the Chief Fire Officer on Monday 23 January to discuss the Partnership budget while the next PCC Governance Board was not due to be held until the following day, 24 January.

The DCC confirmed his agreement with the proposal on the basis that the Constabulary could not continue to support a process that was not legal, ethical or financially responsible.

It was agreed that the PCC would write to Cllr Nigel Moor of the County Council informing him of his decision to withdraw the Constabulary from the current arrangement.

The DCC asked that a press release was prepared for use in response to any press queries.

Police and Crime Commissioner

The above requests have my approval.

Signed: 

Date: 19 January 2017