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**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

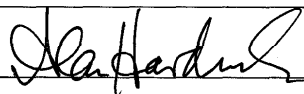
REF: 017/2013
DATE: 28 JUNE 2013

SUBJECT		DELEGATED AUTHORITY IN ABSENCE OF FORCE SOLICITOR
REPORT BY	DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE	
CONTACT OFFICER	Mr J Whittaker, Assistant Force Solicitor Telephone 01522 558485	
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT This report seeks the approval of the Police and Crime Commissioner to amend regulations for the Deputy Chief Constable to have delegated authority for contract signature when the Force Solicitor is unavailable.		
RECOMMENDATION	<i>Delegated Authority is provided to the Deputy Chief Constable</i>	

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.

Signature:



Date: 28/06/13

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. At present only the Force Solicitor has a delegated authority for contract sign-off on behalf of Lincolnshire Police. This can cause difficulties when the Force Solicitor is absent from the force for any reason and may cause delays and inefficiencies.
2. As Legal Services is a corporate responsibility of the Deputy Chief Constable it is the Force's request that delegated authority is provided to the Deputy Chief Constable should the Force Solicitor be unavailable.

A2. LINKS TO POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND PCC'S STRATEGIES/PRIORITIES

Nil.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

[This should include the legal powers the PCC has for making the decision]

Nil.

D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES

If the delegated powers were provided to the Assistant Solicitor there is potential for a request for a re-grade for that post.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

This decision will need to be reviewed when the future arrangements for Legal Services provision for both the Force and PCC's office are agreed.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

Nil.

H. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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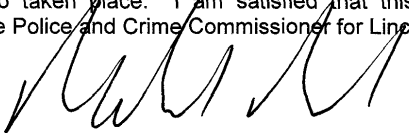
ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

	Tick to confirm
Originating Officer: Deputy Chief Constable Alec Wood recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	✓
Financial advice: The PCC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
The CC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal	✓
Chief Constable: The Chief Constable has been consulted on this proposal	✓

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. Consultation outlined above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.

Signature:  Date: 28/6/13