

Commissioning and Coordination of Consultants Policy

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National Context

[Authorised Professional Practice](#) (APP) is produced by the College of Policing as the official source of professional practice on policing. All officers and staff are expected to have regard to APP in discharging their responsibilities. Essentially, our “policy” is to comply with APP as it develops to cover all areas of policing.

Statement

Merseyside Police is committed to securing the most efficient and effective use of its resources and ensuring any investment is benefits driven with clear performance outcomes and deliverables.

Aims

The aim of this policy is to ensure that the Force applies a consistent and fair approach to the commissioning of consultants, ensuring that value for money is achieved, balanced with the need to bring in experts to support the Force in delivering the Community First Strategy and priorities.

This policy is intended to provide a consistent framework for the commissioning of consultants and to develop clarity in relation to the process.

Objectives

To develop a framework that facilitates the most effective use of consultants, promoting a transparent approach, consistent with the Force’s Procurement Framework.

To ensure that there is a centralised coordination and oversight function, ensuring objectives are met and performance is monitored during the period and that roles and responsibilities are fully understood.

To provide guidance and information on the use of consultants to strand leads and department heads.

Application and Scope

All police officers and police staff must be aware of and are required to comply with all relevant policies and associated procedures.

Securing value for money is a key strategic objective for both the force and the PCC. The application of this policy provides a framework to ensure any potential issues are avoided.

Outcome Evaluation

A framework will be in place to effectively manage the engagement of consultants. This will be subject to continuous review by CSD Business Change as requirements change and develop.

A centralised tracker will be put in place maintained by CSD Business Change to monitor and track the use of consultants. This will be reported on as appropriate.

Advice and guidance to ensure the force adheres to all relevant policies and processes will be provided as appropriate and as laid out in the responsibilities sections of this policy, with all relevant documents completed to ensure an effective audit trail.