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Decision title

Firearms Licensing Department request for temporary additional funding

Executive summary

This paper is a request for temporary additional funding for the Constabulary's Firearms Licensing Department. It is needed to further mitigate the impact of backlogs within the department's processes to both grant new licenses and assess the suitability of existing license holders in response to potentially adverse information coming to light.

Although significant steps have already been taken to reduce these backlogs, there is insufficient resilience within the existing team to reduce them within an acceptable timeframe, whilst also dealing with new work.

This funding request has been prepared with the strategy of allowing all new applications to be progressed within the accepted timescales, with additional staff being employed specifically to reduce the backlogs.

Recommendation(s)

That this funding request be approved to allow temporary staff to be employed to work through the backlogs of new grant applications and suitability reviews.

Statement on publication

This Decision Record and supporting Decision Request documentation is suitable for publication.

Police and Crime Commissioner approval

I hereby **approve** the recommendation above.

Comment(s) on the decision taken:

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Signature:

Donna Jones.

Name:

Donna Jones

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire

Date:

31-Mar-25
