PENDLE BOROUGH COUNCIL 2016/17 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET – <u>SAVINGS</u> PROPOSAL

1. SERVICE	Neighbourhood Services		
2. IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	1/4/16		
3. CORPORATE PRIORITY	Ensuring a cleaner, healthier, safer and cohesive Pendle		
4. TITLE OF PROPOSAL	Removal of the Council's funding contribution towards Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's)		

5. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

To reduce the Council's contribution by £66,000 in 2016/17.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (NET ADDITIONAL SAVINGS)

	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	2018/19 £
Revenue	66,000	0	0
Capital	0	0	0

7. IMPACT ON SERVICE PROVISION, IMPLEMENTATION AND OTHER ISSUES

The Council contributes £11,000 each to the cost of providing 6 Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) in Pendle. PCSOs were introduced to complement fully trained Police Officers and are an integral part of the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Regular meetings are held with the Police and relevant Pendle Council officers to "task" PCSO's on issues of concern to the Council. PCSO's are asked to monitor a number of issues in each of the Area Committee areas.

The current budget process provides an opportunity to review the Council's funding contribution; this was last considered by the Scrutiny Panel in 2010. This proposal is to remove the Council's share of funding for the PCSOs in full from April 2016. This would result in the Police and Crime Commissioner having to either make up the shortfall or vary the level of service provided to align with the reduced funding.