



Request for a Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Decision

SECTION 1

Please identify who is requesting the decision:			
OPFCC Decision	YES	Decision Number:	PF 020/2025
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PART 1 Decision:		PART 2 Decision:	✓
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DECISION TITLE: To make an offer to settle a personal injury claim

Executive Summary:

A Firefighter was injured as a result of attendance at a rescue.

Proceedings were issued subject to medical evidence and have now been served.

This is an insured claim and solicitors instructed by the Insurers have advised that an offer of settlement of claim be made

Recommendation:

The Chief Executive agrees that an offer is made of a sum as advised by solicitors engaged by the Insurers.

<p>Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for Cumbria Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner. Any such interests are recorded below.</p> <p>N/A – decision by Chief Executive under delegation.</p>		
I hereby:	Approve	the recommendations as set out above.
	do not approve	
Delete as appropriate:		
<p>Chief Executive</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>G. Hoares</i></p> <p>Signature: Date: 16/02/2026</p>		

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PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

1. Introduction & Background

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2. Issues for Consideration

An offer is considered urgent to protect the position in the face of mounting costs.

3. Financial Implications

This is an Insured claim and the advice of the solicitor instructed by the insurance company is noted and is being acted upon.

4. Summary and Recommendation

The Chief Executive is recommended to approve.

5. Further Implications

Legal

The Fire and Rescue Service's insurers have taken external legal advice which confirms that an offer should be made.

The Chief Executive of the Office of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner has the delegation (under the corporate governance framework) to take decisions to commence those proceedings on behalf of the Commissioner and in consultation with the Commissioner and the Chief Fire Officer.

Risk

An offer is made to avoid the claim significantly increasing in value and to provide cost protection going forward.

HR / Equality

No implications.

ICT

No implications.

Procurement

No implications.

Victims

No implications.

6. Backgrounds / supporting papers

None.

CHIEF OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Fire Officer

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:



Date: 3 February 2026

Media Strategy The decision taken may require a press announcement or media strategy.	
Will a press release be required following the decision being considered?	Not at present
If yes, has a media strategy been formulated?	
Is the media strategy attached?	
What is the proposed date of the press release:	

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Is the publication of this form to be deferred?	NO
Until what date (if known):	
If yes, for what reason:	
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