



OPCC Record of Decision

Decision to Sponsor Devon and Somerset Law Society Legal Awards 2026

The PCC awards a grant to Devon and Somerset Law Society for the purpose of sponsoring their Legal Awards 2026 to increase community engagement & collaboration and align with her work as the Chair of the Local Criminal Justice Board.

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Date of Decision:	10.06.2026

1. Background

- Devon and Somerset Law Society is a professional forum for lawyers in both counties, focusing on communication and representing the profession in the region.
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- The Legal Awards recognise the work done by the legal profession in Devon and Somerset with award categories including, Justice Innovation, Leader of the Year and Lifetime Achievement.

2. Decision Record

- 2.1 To issue a grant of £2,400 to Devon and Somerset Legal Society to sponsor the 2026 Legal Awards.

3. Consultation, Engagement and Communication

- 3.1 Not required

4. OPCC Monitoring Officer advice

4.1 Legal, Management, Equality and GDPR Implications – Current and Future

- The PCC's Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer has advised that the arrangements set out in the proposal meet the requirements of the relevant legislation and the needs of the organization.



- The PCC's Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer has advised that this decision is within the powers of those making it and that from the information provided, there would not appear to be any adverse legal, managerial, equality or GDPR implications arising from the proposal

4.2 Financial and Commercial – Current and Future

- The PCC's Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer has advised that the arrangements are consistent with good governance and ensuring value for money.

5. Supporting documents:

5.1 *None*

6. Official approval

6.1 Following the appropriate approval, this decision sheet will be published, subject to FOIA classification, on the OPCC website.



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The Recommendation for Decision as outlined in this report is formally approved and subject to Freedom of Information Classification will be published on the OPCC website:

Police and Crime Commissioner

Governance Signature by Monitoring Officer

Signed ALISON HERNANDEZ
 Print:
 Date: 16/6/26

Signed F. K. HUGHES
 Print:
 Date: 16/6/26

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