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Giving Police and Crime Commissioners greater powers of competence

Government Consultation

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Consultation Questions (draft responses)

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1. Do you think PCCs should be given greater powers of competence to enhance their ability to get upstream of crime issues as well as to drive efficiency and make better use of police estates?

	Please select one of the following options
Strongly agree	✓
Agree	
Neither agree, nor disagree	
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	

Wider Functional power of competence

2. Should PCCs be granted a **wider functional power** of competence including the power to do **anything indirectly related to their functions, no matter how many times removed and to charge and trade**?

	Please select one of the following options
Strongly agree	
Agree	
Neither agree, nor disagree	
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	✓

3. What do you see as the benefits that may come from granting PCCs a **wider functional power** of competence?

General power of competence brings greater benefits.
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4. What do you consider to be the risks of granting PCCs a **wider functional power** of competence?

Opportunities for enhanced partnership working with local authorities will be constrained.

5. If PCCs were granted a **wider functional power** of competence, do you consider that additional safeguards or limitations on those powers would be necessary?

Yes - please provide details of what safeguards or limitations on the powers you think would be required.	
No - please explain	✓ Existing safeguards are adequate
Don't know	

General power of competence

6. Should PCCs be granted a **general power** of competence which would give them the power to do **anything** that an individual can do so long as it is not prohibited by legislation?

	Please select one of the following options
Strongly agree	✓
Agree	
Neither agree, nor disagree	
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	

7. What do you see as the benefits that may come from granting PCCs a **general power** of competence?

Enhanced partnerships with local authorities
 Opportunities to drive efficiency and make better use of police estate.
 Increased opportunities for innovation and commercialism

8. Please explain what you consider the risks may be to granting PCCs a **general power** of competence.

Relaxed charging regime

9. If PCCs were granted a **general power** of competence, do you consider that additional safeguards or limitations on those powers would be necessary?

Yes - please provide details of what safeguards or limitations on the powers you think would be required.	
No - please explain	Same safeguards as applied to councils are adequate.
Don't know	

10. Given the benefits and risks of a general and wider functional power of competence, which approach would you prefer?

	Please select one of the following options
Retain existing PCC powers	
Give PCCs a wider functional power of competence, in line with the powers currently held by standalone fire and rescue authorities and some combined authorities	
Give PCCs the general power of competence, as held by local authorities	✓

11. Do you consider there to be any equality impacts with granting PCCs either a wider functional or a general power of competence?

Yes - please provide details	
No - please explain	
Don't know	✓