



Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel

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DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AND CRIME PANEL PRESENTATION

Friday 9 October 2015
10.30 am
Council House (Next to the Civic Centre), Plymouth

Members:

Councillor Croad (Devon County Council), Chair.
Councillor Batters (Cornwall Council), Vice-Chair.
Councillors Barker (Teignbridge District Council), Geoff Brown (Cornwall Council), Boundy (Torrige District Council), Philippa Davey (Plymouth City Council), Eddowes (Cornwall Council), Excell (Torbay Council), Mathews (North Devon District Council), Moulson (Isles of Scilly), Mrs Pengelly (Plymouth City Council), Saltern (South Hams District Council), Sanders (West Devon District Council), Mrs Squires (Mid Devon District Council), Sutton (Exeter City Council), Toms (Cornwall Council), Watson (Cornwall Council) and Wright (East Devon District Council).

Independent Members:

Yvonne Atkinson (Devon) and Sarah Rapson (Cornwall and Isles of Scilly).

PRESENTATION TABLED UNDER AGEND ITEM NO 6.

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6. THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S AND CHIEF CONSTABLE'S PRESENTATION ON "WORKFORCE PLANNING AND THE FUTURE POLICING MODEL" (Pages 1 - 12)

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable will give a presentation to the Panel on "Workforce Planning and the Future Policing Model".



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PCC Budget position

Presentation to the Police and
Crime Panel

9th October 2015



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Savings History

- £52.5 m savings achieved since April 2009
- Police Officer numbers reduced from 3,500 to 3,050 by March 2015
- PCSO numbers maintained at 360



Recent assumptions

- Savings requirement by 2018-19 was £29m
- Three main areas developed to meet this requirement
 - Internal reviews including estates and custody (£10.8m)
 - Strategic Alliance with Dorset (£8.4m)
 - Unidentified (£9.8m)
 - Workforce planning making a significant contribution to this requirement



Revised assumptions

- Chancellors spending review statement, 21st July 2015
 - All unprotected departments to draw up plans for 25% and 40% budget reductions by 2019-20
 - Home Office is an unprotected department
 - Policing is 72% of the total Home Office budget



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What the OPCC is predicting?

- We are assuming that Government is not intending to implement the higher levels of cuts for policing
- Therefore working on a national grant reduction of 25%
- Some suggestions that secondary grants such as victims services may be withdrawn



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Funding formula

- Long history of disadvantage to Devon & Cornwall
- The current formula
 - Urban bias
 - No account of tourism



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Government's formula consultation

- Formula consultation launched 21st July 2015
- Simpler formula
 - Disadvantages in 4 of the 5 elements
- Significant campaign and research to oppose the proposals
 - Petition, press campaign, key influencers
 - Detailed submission from OPCC and Police
 - Key elements picked up by other PCCs and forces around the country



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Our formula assumptions

- Our validated calculations on the current proposal show a loss of £24m
- Only planning for a £15m loss based upon:
 - Metropolitan Police losing elements of grant that will provide greater funding to other forces
 - Some changes will be made to formula when Government announcing revised proposals in next few days



Summary of assumptions

- 25% reduction in national police grant (additional £10 m)
- £15m loss in funding formula outcomes
- Savings requirement over next four years to 2019-20 will be £54m
- These are assumptions based upon our current expectations
- Outcomes could be worse but chosen as an effective basis for planning



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Council tax considerations

- Changes would alter policing dramatically
- PCC wishes to consult public on a larger increase to council tax that requires a referendum
- Consultation will be launched at the end of October



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Council tax consultation

- Broad description of the impact on policing
- Description of what services additional council tax might retain
- Commissioner will recommend increase but will not proceed unless clear that there is public support to protect policing and community safety
- Outcomes will be presented to panel as part of budget process

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