

Police and Crime Panel Meeting 20 June 2014 Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY REMEDY

This report updates the Panel on the Police and Crime Commissioner's current consultation on the Community Remedy. This report also welcomes the views of the Panel on the consultation.

The Community Remedy

Under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner is responsible for determining a list of remedies available for taking restorative action in instances of low level crime and anti-social behaviour. This will offer victims a far greater say in how offenders make amends.

In May 2014 the Commissioner launched a consultation on how these arrangements should operate in Devon and Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. This consultation process offers members of the public the opportunity to share these new arrangements and to help us to identify the kinds of remedies that might be made available. An online survey has been launched which closes on 30 June 2014. Visitors to the OPCC stand at summer shows and events are also being asked to complete the consultation. To date we have received over 1000 responses

The Commissioner welcomes the views of the Panel on this consultation.

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ANNEX



Community Remedy Consultation

Community Remedy (a form of justice that emphasises reparation to the victim by the offender, by cash payment or community service) can play a significant role in tackling anti-social behaviour and low-level crime, providing an effective way of resolving problems. Community Remedy forms part of a set of legislation outlined in the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Police & Crime Commissioner's have a duty to consult with members of the public and community representatives on what punitive, restorative or rehabilitative actions they would consider appropriate to be on the Community Remedy menu.

Should a victim wish to engage in this process the Community Remedy menu gives victims a say in the out-of-court punishment of offenders for low-level crime and anti-social behaviour.

•The PCC Consults with the public in their police force area about what punishments should be used under the Community Remedy Stage 1 •The PCC uses the results of the consultation to develop a list of sanctions that could be applied to low-level crime and anti-social behaviour to be settled out of court. This is the Community Remedy Stage 2 Menu. •The PCC agrees the menu with the Chief Constable. Police Officers in the force area then work from the Community Remedy menu. Stage 3 •In the event of a relevant offence being committed, the police officer would invite the victim to choose an appropriate sanction from the Comunity Remedy menu. The victim can choose not to Stage 4 participate in the process. •The sanction is offered to the offender who can either accept it or potentially face more formal action through the Criminal Justice System for the offence they hae committed. Stage 5

Community Remedy Model



The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner is consulting with members of the public to develop a list of appropriate actions that could be applied to low level crimes and anti-social behaviour to be settled out of court.

This is the community remedy menu which would allow victims to select an appropriate sanction for the offender of a low level crime to carry out.

1. Please select your top THREE actions, which you feel would be appropriate to be offered as part of the community remedy menu;

Mediation- use of third party to bring together both parties to reach a common agreement	
A written or verbal apology	
Structured diversionary activities i.e. courses, training	
Reparation to the community- i.e. doing local unpaid work for a short period such as picking up litter in a park	
Targeted intervention, i.e. alcohol treatment, anger management courses	
Financial compensation to make a contribution towards any damage caused	
Reparative work to repair any damaged caused i.e. cleaning off graffiti	
Parenting Contract- A voluntary agreement signed by the offenders parent/carer/guardian outlining expected behaviour	
Written Assignment/ Research	
Counselling	
Acceptable Behaviour Contract- Written agreement specifying future behaviour	
Shuttle Conference- allows the victim and offender to put their views to each other without meeting face to face	
Tenancy Enforcement- through social landlords (in appropriate cases)	
2. Do you have any other ideas for possible actions that could be added to the Community Remedy Menu?	

3. Would you choose to use the Community Remedy Menu if you found yourself in a situation where it was offered?

Yes

Don't know

Providing the information below helps us to understand differing views and we use it to ensure we are reaching all groups through our consultation. You are welcome to leave any element blank that you would 'prefer not to say'.

Do you live in? Devon Cornwall Plymouth Torba	y Somewhere else	
Are you: male female intersex Is this the gender you were assigned at birth? Yes No		
How old are you? Under 18 18 – 24 25 – 34 35 – 44 45 – 54 55 – 64 65 and older	Are you: Bi-sexual Gay man/woman/lesbian Heterosexual ('straight')	
To which of these groups do you consider you belong?		
White (British/Irish)	Mixed white and black Caribbean	
Black African	Asian - Indian	
Chinese Romany Other	Asian British/other	

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