

Police and Crime Panel Meeting
15 April 2016
Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE REPORT

This Report provides an update on key activities since the Police and Crime Panel meeting in February 2016.

1. PROGRESS AGAINST THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PRIORITIES

On 23 March 2016 the OPCC published a short video cataloguing some of the key activities linked to the Police and Crime Plan which is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21T9FUG7Kp0>

Priority 1

To make our area a safer place to live, work and visit – reducing the likelihood that people will become victims of crime.

- ❖ Progress in delivering against Priority 1 is managed through the Performance and Accountability Board which meets publicly every two months and is webcast across the force area. The PCC's Performance Report is included as a separate item on the Panel agenda.
- ❖ The other key issue being progressed under Priority 1 is the 101 review and an update on this issue has been provided to the Police and Crime Panel under the Performance Report.

Priority 2

To reduce the crime and harm caused by the misuse of alcohol

- ❖ Delivery of the **Drinkaware Club Hosts Pilot** in Torbay, Truro, Exeter and Plymouth has been continuing. The pilot, which runs for 6 months will be subject to full academic evaluation. Under the pilot (which is a joint project between the PCC, Drinkaware, local authorities and the licensed trade) club hosts are operating in 5 venues to help safeguard people made vulnerable by excessive consumption of alcohol.
- ❖ The PCC has continued to lead **national work for PCCs** to help tackle alcohol related harm, including activity to inform government thinking on alcohol policy. The Government published its Modern Crime Prevention Strategy on 23 March 2016 which acknowledged alcohol as one of the key drivers of crime and set out a range of actions

for the coming years. The PCC is continuing to work with a number of other PCCs and Alcohol Concern to support the development of best practice guidance on tackling street drinking.

- ❖ The PCC has continued to support the development of **ENTE support schemes** within the policing area, in particular the launch of the new Best Bar None Torquay.

Priority 3

To make every penny count in protecting policing for the long term. We need to drive for further efficiency, work to secure more central funding and actively explore all avenues to deliver the significant savings we require from 2017/18 to sustain our services.

- ❖ The Policing Minister confirmed to the House of Commons in February 2016 that no timeframe had been set for the Government's **review of the police funding formula** following the withdrawal of the original proposals in November 2015. The Minister explained that the review would await the outcome of the Police Reform and Transformation Board's work to consider how future policing activities should be allocated between local, regional and national activities.
- ❖ The PCC approved the **move of the OPCC office** from Endeavour House to Police HQ at Middlemoor. The OPCC will move from its existing leased premises into space that can be occupied for no ongoing cost – as required by the agreed estate rationalisation strategy. Work is required to make the space suitable for office working and a contract has been signed with the successful contractor after a tender process. The cost of the renovations cannot be revealed for commercial reasons but is lower than the original estimate.
- ❖ Significant work on the **Strategic Alliance with Dorset** is continuing, with over 21 business cases now approved. A short report on the work of the Alliance is included in a separate agenda item.

Priority 4

To promote an effective Criminal Justice System for our area, delivering a high quality service for victims, witnesses and society.

- ❖ Work is progressing on a collaborative project under the Local Criminal Justice Board to establish a **single remand court** for Devon and Cornwall. The PCC has provided some funding to support implementation of the project which is expected to go live in September 2016.
- ❖ The first **Out of Court Disposals Scrutiny Panel** will take place in April 2016. Attendees at the meeting will include representatives of the local magistracy, HM Courts and Tribunal Service, YOTs and the public. The purpose of this new approach is to increase understanding, transparency and confidence in the use of out of court disposals by independently reviewing a selection of anonymised cases resolved by the use of an out of court disposal within Devon and Cornwall. The meeting will build on the detailed dip sampling that has taken place to date.

Priority 5

To deliver a high quality victim support service across our area

- ❖ The establishment of a cadre of volunteers within the Victim Care Unit (VCU) has been progressing well. Specialist volunteers have been recruited and trained and will join the unit over the coming weeks. This cadre includes specialist support to victims for cyber crime.
- ❖ The VCU has now been in operation for 12 months. An independent evaluation of the VCU and Network has been commissioned and will be carried out by the University of Portsmouth. The Panel will be kept informed of the progress of the evaluation over the coming months.
- ❖ A Victim Care Networking Day was held in March 2016. The event brought support organisations together to build understanding and to discuss common issues.

Priority 6

To encourage and enable citizens and communities to play their part in tackling crime and making their communities safer”.

- ❖ A separate item has been included on the Panel agenda on volunteering.
- ❖ Upgraded CCTV systems have gone live in Bude and Launceston as part of a PCC supported pilot project. The pilot seeks to draw together public bodies and local businesses to deliver sustainable CCTV systems going forward, with the PCC providing some initial seed funding.

2. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Decisions made

The following decisions and approvals have been made by the PCC in recent weeks:

- ❖ Confirmation of a 1.99% increase in the Council Tax Policing Precept for 2016/17
- ❖ Allocation of commissioning funds for 2016/17
- ❖ Decisions relating to the OPCC office from Endeavour House to Middlemoor, including contracts for renovation works.
- ❖ Formal sign off of the Mid Term Financial Strategy 2016/2020.
- ❖ Approval of Treasury Management Strategy for 2016/17
- ❖ Approval of the Citizens In Policing Strategy
- ❖ Section 22a Collaboration Agreement between Devon and Cornwall and Dorset (Offender Management Unit)

3. **HMIC**

Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) (March 2016)

Devon and Cornwall Police is subject to inspections from HM Inspectorate of Constabulary. In 2015 the HMIC launched a new inspection framework – PEEL (Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy). PEEL is an annual assessment of police forces in England and Wales, where police forces are judged as Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement or Inadequate based on inspection findings, analysis and HM's Inspectors professional judgement across the year. The 3 Pillars of PEEL each comprise 3 or 4 questions that focus on key areas of work within the police. At the end of the PEEL year (in February), the judgments made throughout the year are brought together with other information to produce a rounded annual assessment of each force. Devon and Cornwall Police received a GOOD rating for each of the 3 pillars for 2015. <http://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmic/peel-assessments/peel-2015/devon-and-cornwall/>

Effectiveness (Overall GOOD):

<http://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmic/publications/police-effectiveness-2015-devon-and-cornwall/>

- How effective is the force at preventing crime and anti-social behaviour, and keeping people safe? GOOD
- How effective is the force at investigating crime and managing offenders? GOOD
- How effective is the force at protecting from harm those who are vulnerable, and supporting victims? REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT
- How effective is the force at tackling serious and organised crime, including its arrangements for fulfilling its national policing responsibilities? GOOD

Legitimacy (overall: GOOD):

<http://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmic/publications/police-legitimacy-2015-devon-and-cornwall/>

- To what extent does practice and behaviour reinforce the wellbeing of staff and an ethical culture? GOOD
- How well does the force understand, engage with and treat fairly the people it serves to maintain and improve its legitimacy? GOOD
- To what extent are decisions taken on the use of stop and search and Taser fair and appropriate? GOOD

Efficiency (overall: GOOD): <http://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmic/publications/peel-police-efficiency-2015/>

- How well does the Force use its resources to meet its demand: GOOD
- How sustainable and affordable is the operating model: REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT
- How sustainable is the Forces financial position for the short and long term: GOOD

Missing children: who cares? - The police response to missing and absent children (March 2016)

As part of HMIC's [annual assessment of police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy in 2015](#), they assessed all forces' preparedness to tackle child sexual exploitation, because children who go missing are at greater risk of becoming a victim of this kind of offending. This report sets out the results of this inspection, with additional evidence from other child

protection inspections HMIC carried out from 2014 to 2016.

<http://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmic/publications/missing-children-who-cares/>

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