

Police and Crime Panel Meeting

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Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE ON CITIZENS IN POLICING

1. Introduction

The Citizens in Policing Strategy was presented to the Police & Crime Panel in April 2016. In summary it set out three separate strands of activity. These sought to deliver a broader range of opportunities and improve support to Special Constables, to ready the wider Police Volunteer family for the opportunities that will emerge from a wider distribution of powers and to improve the effectiveness of engagement with the existing volunteering network in Devon & Cornwall.

The Police and Crime Panel gave their broad support to the Strategy and expressed a desire to receive periodic updates on the progress of this important area of work.

2. Activity

A strategic meeting structure has been implemented and the first meeting identified key individuals to lead on each of the above strands.

An internal recruitment process was run, however that process failed to identify a suitable candidate for the Senior Coordinator post. Given the importance of the post to the successful implementation of the strategy the decision was made not to compromise and to run a second, external, process. This has successfully recruited a Senior Coordinator who started in post on 12 September.

It is anticipated that with the appointment and commencement of the senior coordinator the project will begin to pick up pace. The initial focus will be on ensuring that the appropriate infrastructure is in place to support the planned development. This includes the appointment of local Citizens in Policing leads in Cornwall, Plymouth and Devon, additional staff in Recruitment, Vetting and Learning and Development. The actions in the Strategy are being prioritised and the senior coordinator has been meeting with key stakeholders in order to start making progress.

3. Future Updates

It is proposed that a future update report is presented to the Police and Crime Panel at the start of 2017.

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