



Police and Crime Panel Meeting
3 February 2017
Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE REPORT

This report draws the Police and Crime Panel's attention to a number of matters. This update is shorter than usual given it covers the Christmas period. The Commissioner would be happy to expand upon any of the issues covered, if helpful to Panel members.

1. Policy developments

Police Funding Formula Review

Significant work is continuing in this area. The Home Office review of the Police Funding Formula is working to a very challenging timetable. Although a final proposal is expected to go to the Minister in March, it is unclear when formal consultation will open. The Commissioner is scheduled to meet with the Minister on 2 February at the National Rural Crime Network Executive Board to discuss the challenges faced by policing rural areas and to press the case for police funding for Devon and Cornwall.

Violence against Women and Girls Transformation Fund

The OPCC is working with local authority partners to develop bids to the Home Office *Violence Against Women and Girls Transformation Fund*. Three expressions of interest are being drawn up in the following areas:

- System transformation of Devon & Cornwall Police & partners response to domestic abuse and sexual violence including child sexual exploitation.
- Increasing public awareness, workforce development and resources available to improve responses to child sexual exploitation.
- The evaluation of four local perpetrator programmes to ascertain which best achieves sustained behaviour change.

The bids are currently out for consultation prior to submission in February.

Delayed Charge Scheme

In December 2016, the Commissioner updated the Police and Crime Panel on plans to develop a Delayed Charging and Diversion scheme in Devon and Cornwall as part of our enhanced focus on prevention. Under the scheme, some offenders (subject to strict

eligibility criteria) would have the opportunity to undertake victim led reparation as well as an agreed programme of rehabilitative work during a four month period as an alternative to a criminal charge. Plans for the pilot are advancing well – with recruitment underway and the pilot will commence from April 2017. The Commissioner is pleased to advise the Panel that we have been able to secure significant funding from the Home Office’s Police Transformation Fund to support this pilot – with the Home Office providing over £750,000 of transformation funding over 2016/17 and 2017/18 to support the pilot.

Estates

As set out in the Commissioner’s newly published Police and Crime Plan ‘Safe, resilient and connected communities’ a review of the existing estates strategy is being carried out. This review is necessary to ensure that the strategy takes account of and helps to deliver the Commissioner’s intentions under the Police and Crime Plan. The revised Estates Strategy is due to be completed in early 2017 and an updated Estates Strategy will be presented to the Police and Crime Panel once that process has been completed.

2. Legislative developments

Policing and Crime Bill

Both Houses have agreed on the text of the bill, which now waits for Royal Assent. The Bill includes a number of key policy developments, including emergency service collaboration, reforming police complaints and the wider use of police powers. A briefing on the key provisions and the implementation plans for those elements of the legislation that are of particular relevance to the Police and Crime Plan – such as complaints, emergency services collaboration, volunteering and the late night levy will be provided to the next Panel meeting for information.

Investigatory Powers Act

The Act overhauls the framework governing the use of surveillance by the intelligence, security agencies and law enforcement agencies to obtain communications data. The Bill received Royal Assent on 29 November. Full details of the Act can be found here <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2016/25/contents/enacted/data.htm>

Home Affairs Committee inquiry: Policing for the future: changing demands and new challenges

This inquiry will explore the challenges of modern policing, and examine whether police forces in England and Wales are sufficiently equipped and resourced to keep the public safe and to respond effectively to evolving demands and changing patterns of crime.

3. National Police Reform Programme

Police Transformation Fund

In late 2016 the Home Secretary announced the full list of successful Police Transformation Fund bids from the September 2016 bidding round. In total £18,358,181 has been awarded for 2016/17 with a further £18,126,491 committed for 2017/18. Devon and Cornwall were successful in three bids – including our national bid to support the

transformation of the policing response to modern slavery and our proposed pilot for a Delayed Charge and Diversion Scheme.

	Description	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
D&C	Tackling pathways to offending	£403k	£355k	-
D&C (with Dorset)	Integration of processes in Command, Control and Public Contact – costed options appraisal	£543k	-	-
D&C (national)	Professionalising police response to modern slavery	£713k	£4.268m	£3.531m

The national Police Reform and Transformation Board is currently reviewing the governance framework for the Police Transformation Fund and considering how they intend to run bidding rounds for 2017/18 and beyond – in particular following the agreement of the Policing Vision 2025 in November 2016. The Commissioner and her team will continue to work closely with other PCCs and the Chief Constable and will keep the Panel updated on developments.

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