

Agenda item 8

Police and Crime Panel 31 January 2017

Information Bulletin

The Information Bulletin is a document that is made available to the public with the published agenda papers. It can include update information requested by the Panel as well as information that may extend the Panel's knowledge or understanding of a topic related to the scope of the Panel.

In section 1 this Information Bulletin summarises the PCC's decisions taken since those reported to the Panel meeting on 7 October 2016. There will be opportunity for the Panel to put further questions to the PCC about his decisions.

This Information Bulletin covers the following items:

- 1. Update on PCC Decisions to date.**
- 2. The PCC's Accountability and Performance Panel.**
- 3. Update on the Solved Rate of Serious Sexual Offences (SSO) and Domestic Burglary (DB).**
- 4. Status Update of Police and Crime Panel Decisions from the previous Meeting**

1. Update on PCC Decisions to date

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 describes the Police & Crime Panel's role as including to "review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the PCC".

PCC Decisions are published by the PCC on his website: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/decisions>. An updated summary list was reported at the Panel's meeting on 7 October 2016, up to and including PCC Decisions No. 39-2016 (30/8/2016) and C19-2016 (16/8/2016). A further update, summarising subsequent Decisions, to date, is shown below. For further details and the full report associated with each PCC Decision, please access the PCC website.

Update - Decisions of the Police and Crime Commissioner [*Subsequent to Decisions No. 39-2016 and C19-2016*]

Decision	Title and link	Summary
4-2017 (20-1-17)	4 – 2017 – Proposed Precept Level and Council Tax Requirement 2017-18	<p>4 – 2017 Proposed Precept Level and Council Tax Requirement 2017-18 (PDF, 1.43MB)</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Scrutiny of precept guidance (PDF, 356KB)</p> <p>Appendices Ai and Aii – Options 1 and 2 (PDF, 44KB)</p> <p>Appendix E – Alternative Precept Strategies (PDF, 176KB)</p> <p>Appendix G – Council Tax and Budget Options (PDF, 20KB)</p> <p>(NB. The review of the PCC’s proposed precept is at Agenda Item 5 of the PCP meeting on 31 Jan 2017)</p>
3-2017 (20-1-17)	3 – 2017 – Medium Term Financial Plan 2017-18 to 2020-21	<p>3 – 2017 Medium Term Financial Plan 2017-18 to 2020-21 (PDF, 148KB)</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Medium Term Financial Plan 2017-18 to 2020-21 (PDF, 384KB)</p> <p>Appendices A – G Medium Term Financial Plan 2017-18 to 2020-21 (PDF, 327KB)</p> <p>Appendix H Annual Investment and Treasury Strategy (PDF, 272KB)</p> <p>Appendix I – Lending Limits and Approved Institutions (PDF, 84KB)</p>
2-2017 (6-1-17)	2 – 2017 – Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021	<p>Approval and publication of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021.</p> <p>(NB. the Draft Plan was reviewed by the PCP at its meeting on 7 Oct 2016)</p>
1-2017 (3-1-17)	1 – 2017 – Award of Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant – Southwold Town Council CCTV	<p>A grant of £1,144 to Southwold Town Council for improved CCTV.</p>
50-2016 (19-12-16)	50 – 2016 – Three Yearly Review of Independent Custody Visitor Appointments	<p>It is recommended that the Chief Executive review the contents of this report and endorse the proposal to renew the appointments of 13 Independent Custody Visitors (ICV) in Suffolk as of 1 January 2017 for a three year term and also approve three long standing ICVs continuing until the end of March 2017 until some further recruitment has been achieved.</p>
49-2016 (16-12-16)	49-2016 – Corporate Governance	<p>The PCC is invited to adopt:</p> <p>(1) The Statement of Corporate Governance (Appendix A); (2) The revised Code of Corporate Governance (Appendix B); (3) The revised Scheme of Governance and Consent (with the exception of the</p>

		Contract Standing Orders and Financial Regulations (Appendix C); And note: (4) The ongoing review of the Contract Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
48-2016 (8-11-16)	48-2016 – Award of Crime and Disorder Reduction grant – Taxi Marshals	A grant of £5,000 to Ipswich Central for the delivery of the Taxi Marshal service between 1 Nov 2016 to 31 Oct 2017.
47-2016 (7-11-16)	47-2016 Summary of Safer Suffolk Fund Grants – September 2016	Endorsement of recommendations following the eighth grant panel; Eight applications for funding from the Safer Suffolk Fund totaling £87,344.
46-2016 (10-10-16)	46-2016 – Collaboration Agreements – Eastern Region Special Operations Unit, Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act and Eastern Counter-Terrorism Intelligence Unit	Approval to enter into renewed and refreshed collaboration agreements concerning Eastern Region Special Operations Unit (ERSOU), Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) and Eastern Counter-Terrorism Intelligence Unit (ECTIU).
45-2016 (13-10-16)	45 – 2016 Award of Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant Catch 22 Community Mediation Service	A grant of £3,500 to Catch 22 to deliver a mediation service across Suffolk for the period 1 Oct 2016 to 31 Mar 2017.
44-2016 (6-10-16)	44-2016 Lighthouse Women’s Aid IDVA Service grant variation – Crisis Intervention Worker	A grant variation of up to £24,948 to Lighthouse Women’s Aid to fund a Crisis Intervention Worker for the period from 1 Nov 2016 to 31 Oct 2017
43-2016 (6-10-16)	43-2016 Victim Led Restorative Justice Hub	A grant of £10,242 to Victim Support to provide a Victim-led Restorative Justice Hub, for the period 1 Sep 2016 to 31 Dec 2016.
42-2016 (23-9-16)	42 – 2016 Draft Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021	The PCC’s Draft Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021, for submission to the PCP for review.
41-2016 (30-9-16)	41 – 2016 The Draft Group and PCC Statement of Accounts 2015-16 including the Annual Governance Statement 2016	41-2016 The Draft Group and PCC Statement of Accounts 2015-16 including the Annual Governance Statement 2016 (PDF, 84KB) The Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk Group and PCC Statement of Accounts 31 March 2016 (PDF, 928KB) Annual Governance Statement 2016 (PDF, 1MB)
40-2016 (23-9-16)	40 – 2016 Annual Report – 2015-2016 , and Appendix A PCC Annual Report 2015-16	Decision paper approving the PCC’s Annual Report 2015-2016 and agreeing to send it to the Police and Crime Panel

Decisions of the Police and Crime Commissioner containing confidential information

(NB. Decision papers in this category are not publicly available. A brief explanation of the nature of each is provided: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/decisions/decisions-containing-confidential-information>)

C1 – 2017	Seven Force Strategic Collaboration Programme: Second Collaboration Agreement
C28 – 2016	Southwold Police Station – Sale of Property (Update)
C27 – 2016	The Ferns – SARC Office Lease – Rent Review (Update)
C26 – 2016	RAF Wattisham – Rent Review
C25 – 2016	Police Houses – Declare Surplus
C24 – 2016	Martlesham PHQ Restaurant Works
C23 – 2016	7 Force Strategic Collaboration – Procurement
C22 – 2016	Estates – Lease – Rent Review (Approved 12-10-16)
C21 – 2016	Felixstowe Police and Fire Station (Approved 12-10-16)
C20 – 2016	Blue Light Integration – Saxmundham Joint Police and Fire Station (Approved 12-10-16)

For further information about the PCC Decisions contact the PCC Office: E-mail: spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk Tel: 01473 782773.

2. The PCC's Accountability and Performance Panel

The PCC has held two Accountability and Performance (A&P) panel meetings since the last Police and Crime Panel meeting in Oct 2016. Details of the PCC's A&P meetings are available on the PCC's website: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/public-meetings/accountability-and-performance-panel>. A summary list of the items covered is shown below, for ease of reference, and to assist the Police and Crime Panel in considering potential topics for its Forward Work Plan. The PCC's next A&P meeting is on **24 Feb 2017**. Members of the Police and Crime Panel are welcome to attend and feed back to other Panel members.

List of Public Agenda items covered at the PCC's A&P public meeting on [21 Oct 2016](#):

Agenda Item and Subject
2. Police and Crime Commissioner Victim Services Grants i) Victim Support Provision of Victim Services in Suffolk (Victim Assessment and Referral Centre – Report by Victim Support (Paper AP16/43). ii) Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) Service - Report by Lighthouse Women's Aid (Paper AP16/44)

3. Suffolk Local Safeguarding Children Board – Annual Report 2015-2016 Report by the Independent Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board (Paper AP16/45)
4. Financial Monitoring as at 31 August 2016 Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/46)
5. Community Safety and Joint Working Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/47)
6. Suffolk Collaboration Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/48)
7. Custody Services Service Delivery and Performance Update Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/49)
8. Constabulary Response to HMIC PEEL Effectiveness Inspection Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/50)

List of Public Agenda items covered at the PCC’s A&P public meeting on [16 Dec 2016](#):

Agenda Item and Subject
2. Financial Monitoring as at 31 October 2016 Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/54)
3. Performance Priorities Monitoring Report – November 2015 – October 2016 Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/55)
4. Suffolk Collaboration Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/56)
5. Use of Stop and Search in Suffolk Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/57)
6. Suffolk Local Policing Model - Evaluation Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/58)
7. Complaints and Professional Standards Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/59)

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3. Update on the Solved Rate of Serious Sexual Offences (SSO) and Domestic Burglary (DB)

At the Panel meeting on 5 July 2013 it was agreed that the Panel would receive information updates, at each meeting, on the performance of the solved rate for serious sexual offences and for domestic burglary. There are regular performance updates available on the PCC’s website at: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/about-us/monitoring-performance>.

At the time of writing this Information Bulletin the most recent performance statistics for Serious Sexual Offences (SSO) and for Domestic Burglary (DB) were those reported to the PCC’s Accountability and Performance Panel meetings on 9 Sep 2016 (for DB) and 16 Dec 2016 (for SSO):

Domestic Burglary (DB)

The figures shown at the 9 Sep A&P meeting were as follows:

Police & Crime Plan Objectives (June 2016)

Police & Crime Plan Objectives						
Objective	Measure	12 months to 30 Jun 16	Baseline ¹	Comparison to baseline ^{1 2}	Status ³	National ranking ⁴
Responding to Emergencies	999 Call Handling⁵	90.1%	92.0%	-1.9%	◆ ↑	N/A
	Response to Emergency Incidents	90.3%	91.1%	-0.8%	◆ ↓	N/A
Solving Crime	Violence with Injury – Solved	32.9%	50.1%	-17.2%	◆ ↑	19th
	Domestic Burglary – Solved	15.0%	21.2%	-6.2%	◆ ↑	18th
	Robbery – Solved	21.2%	33.4%	-12%	◆ ↑	26th
	Serious Sexual Offences – Solved	12.8%	20.6%	-7.8%	◆ ●	42nd
	Drug Trafficking – Solved	76.2%	94.3%	-18.1%	◆ ↑	34th
Preventing & Reducing Crime	Violence with Injury – Crimes	4,608	3,761	▲22.5%	◆ ↑	14th
	Domestic Burglary – Crimes	1,322	1,573	▼16%	● ↑	9th
	Robbery – Crimes	241	208	▲16%	◆ ↑	15th
	Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents	15,113	24,897	▼39%	● ↑	N/A
	Total - Crimes	43,031	38,150	▲13%	◆ ↓	N/A

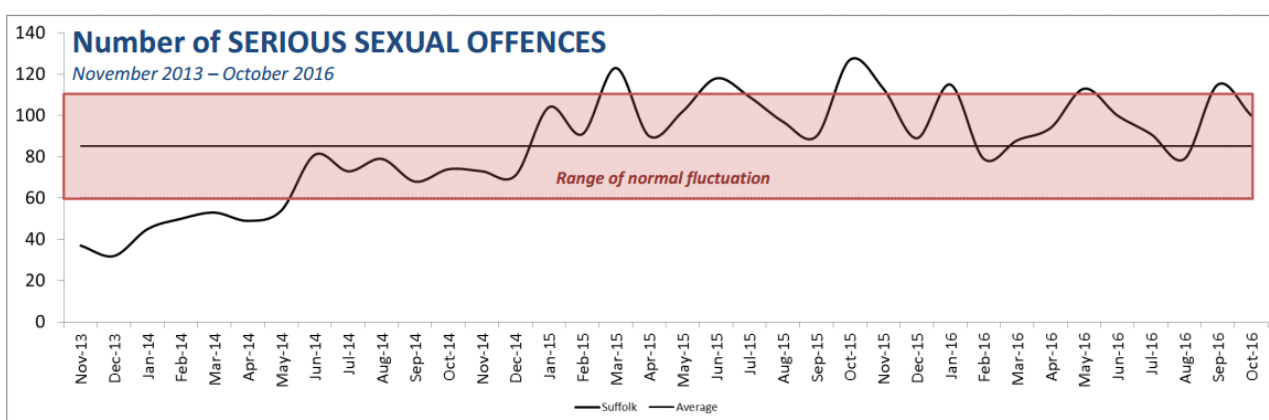
More recently, in a (17 Jan 2017) press article (http://www.ipswichstar.co.uk/news/warning_after_40_rise_in_suffolk_burglaries_with_half_of_them_in_south_ipswich_1_4852934) it is stated that: “A senior detective has warned residents to be vigilant after burglaries in Suffolk increased by 40% in December. South Ipswich accounted for half of the county’s 165 break-ins last month, with 44 in the south-west of the town and 39 in the south-east. The total number of burglaries during last month was 47 more than the three-year monthly average of 118. Despite the rise police have stressed December was an exceptional month and should be seen in the context of burglaries decreasing by seven per cent in 2016, compared to the average for the previous three years. Among the other hot spots were Mildenhall with 29 burglaries, Bury St Edmunds with 23, Sudbury and Haverhill 21, Ipswich central 16, Stowmarket 15, and Lowestoft 14. Halesworth also had seven break-ins last month. Many of the Ipswich offences occurred in the Pinewood, Whitehouse and Whitton areas. In early December police warned homeowners in west Suffolk of an organised criminal gang, or gangs, operating in the area after dozens of burglaries. However, it is understood the increase in Ipswich is likely to be the work of individuals rather than organised groups. Detective Superintendent Andy Smith, of Suffolk Constabulary, said: “Suffolk police continue to prioritise the investigation of dwelling burglaries, recognising the impact this crime has on victims who have had their homes violated and property stolen. “We are passionate about providing the best service, aiming to catch those responsible through detailed investigations, including the best use of forensic assets. “Whilst we saw a notable spike in burglaries in December, this was an exceptional month and should be put into context. “The number of burglaries we have experienced on average in Suffolk in the last 12 months is seven per cent less than the average in the preceding three years. “We have solved over 20% of offences in the force December, including 35% in the southern area where most burglaries occurred last month.”

Serious Sexual Offences (SSO)

The report shown at the 16 Dec A&P meeting stated:

“This report is based upon a selection of the performance priorities set within the forthcoming Police and Crime Plan. It shows performance for the period from November 2015 to October 2016. The new Police and Crime Plan will be published in January 2017 and further work is being undertaken to collect additional performance indicators which will be reported in forthcoming reports to the Accountability and Performance Panel. Further information about how progress will be assessed, for example use of control limits and the full list of proposed indicators, is contained within Appendix A Annex 1 of the draft Police and Crime Plan. Solved rates are shown for domestic abuse and serious sexual offences and are 26% and 12% respectively. Both represent decreases on the three year average and both have seen substantial increases in investigator caseloads in the same timeframe.”

PERFORMANCE REPORT: Serious Sexual Offences



ANALYSIS

Reports of Serious Sexual Offences (SSO) to police have risen substantially compared to three years ago, but have reached a plateau in the last year. Workloads however have substantially increased from an average of 58 new cases per month in 2013/14 to 98 per month over the most recent twelve months.

Whilst this reflects the Constabulary's good work in encouraging increased reporting, it will continue to present challenges in terms of increased workloads for investigating teams, as is reflected in 'Most Similar Group' (MSG) and national rankings.

OPERATIONAL COMMENT

- Ongoing work around compliance with and understanding of the victim's code of practice, including gathering evidence of victim's experiences from external agencies.
- A two day CPD training package has been delivered to SSO investigators around case preparation and suspect management, with positive feedback.
- A PVP Continuous Improvement Gold Group has been established, with initial meetings focusing on victim engagement and the use of technology in investigations.
- Greater resilience and management of investigations will be progressed with the introduction of new shift patterns for SSO and Child Abuse investigation specialists from 30th January 2017.

KEY STATISTICS

CRIMES LAST YEAR
1,158

CHANGE IN LAST 3 YEARS
+13.8%

NATIONAL RANKING
(CRIMES PER 1000 POPN)
35/43

SOLVED RATE LAST YEAR
12%

For further information about the PCC's Police & Crime Plan Performance Progress Report please contact the PCC Office: Email: spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk Tel: 01473 782773.

4. Status Update of Police and Crime Panel Decisions from the previous Meeting

At the Panel meeting on 7 Oct 2016 there were various decisions, recommendations or resolutions made. A summary list and a corresponding status update is as follows:

Item	Status Update
<p>Draft Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021: Recommendation to the PCC that there should be something specific in the Plan that holds the Chief Constable to account for the communication ‘listening’ process, and for responding to victims of crime.</p>	<p>Ongoing. The PCC’s Plan, ‘Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021’ was published on 6 Jan 2017: http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Decision-2-2017-Police-and-Crime-Plan-2017-2021-1.pdf. Section 1.3 of the above Decision paper states, “<i>It is considered that the Panel's recommendations will be addressed by a supporting Action Plan which sets out the actions required to deliver the Police and Crime Plan. The Action Plan is included at Appendix A to the Plan. The Action Plan will also be complemented by a detailed Strategic Delivery Plan which will specify the activities, timescales, milestones and responsible owners.</i>”</p>
<p>The PCC’s Performance Monitoring Methodology and Framework: Recommendation that the draft performance monitoring framework gives further attention, with clear action points to ensure accountability and the means to measure outcomes, to a number of factors such as cybercrime performance, prevention, improving data-sharing, and influencing the Suffolk Public Sector Leaders Group for joint action across organisations.</p>	<p>Ongoing. At the PCC’s A&P meeting of 16 Dec 2016 the Constabulary presented a report, ‘Proposed Performance Report Format For Monitoring Progress Against The Police And Crime Plan 2017-2021.’ It stated that, “<i>The new Police and Crime Plan will be published in January 2017 and further work is being undertaken to collect additional performance indicators which will be reported in forthcoming reports to the Accountability and Performance Panel.</i>”</p>

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