

Agenda item 6

Police and Crime Panel

17 March 2017

Covering Report – Update on New Policing Model

Summary

1. The Panel will question the PCC on the new policing model in Suffolk (the Suffolk Local Policing Review) and its impact on achievement of the PCC's police and crime plan objectives.

Focus of the agenda item

2. Specific areas of focus by the Panel include items identified by members of the Panel at an informal workshop on 22 Feb 2017. These are:
 - (i) How effective is the new policing model in delivering the PCC's objectives?
 - (ii) What action is the PCC taking to address areas of concern already raised in feedback received, eg. PCSO working hours and local 'visibility' of police?
 - (iii) How does the PCC judge whether the level of resourcing is adequate (or not), including for tackling rural crime?

Recommendations

3. The Panel is recommended to:
 - a) Have regard to all the information in this covering Report and Evidence Sets.
 - b) Ask questions of the PCC, and make any recommendations to the PCC, in relation to the content of this Report.
 - c) Make any resolutions, or identify any further actions required, in relation to the content of this Report and responses to questions made at the meeting.

Background

4. The Panel agreed on 19/7/16 to look at this topic, which is linked to the previous agenda item (community engagement, SNTs, etc.).
5. Suffolk Constabulary implemented changes to its local policing model (known as the Suffolk Local Policing Review or SLPR) in [April 2016](#) in order to adjust to changing forms of demand and meet savings requirements.

6. The Constabulary provided an update to the PCC's Accountability and Performance panel meeting on 24 Feb 2017, and this is attached as Evidence Set 1. The report provides the second set of interim findings from the evaluation of the Suffolk Local Policing Model. A final evaluation report will be presented by the Constabulary to the PCC's Accountability & Performance Panel in April 2017.
7. In March 2017 HMIC published their latest Report 'PEEL: Police effectiveness 2016 - An inspection of Suffolk Constabulary'. Suffolk Constabulary's rating from HMIC was 'GOOD'. An extract of the findings in relation to the question, '*How effective is the force at preventing crime, tackling anti-social behaviour and keeping people safe?*', was attached as Evidence Set 5 for the previous Agenda Item (5). It shows some Areas for improvement:
 - *"The force should evaluate and share effective practice routinely, both internally and with partner organisations, to improve its approach continually to the prevention of crime and anti-social behaviour."*
 - *The force should ensure that local policing teams routinely engage with local communities and undertake structured problem solving alongside partner organisations in order to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour."*
8. It is expected that the PCC will give a verbal response / update to the Panel at the meeting on 17 March.

Supporting Information (attached)

- (i) **Evidence Set 1** – [4 pages] '[Suffolk Local Policing Model – Evaluation](#)', Constabulary report to the PCC's A&P meeting on 24 Feb 2017.
- (ii) **Evidence Set 2** – (see **Evidence Set 5 of Agenda Item 5**, on pg.21) - Extract from the HMIC Report

Background Information (available online)

- (i) SLPR paper, 'All Change For Suffolk – Constables County Special Edition' -updated January 2016: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Suffolk-Change-Constables-County-partner-version-2.pdf>
- (ii) PCC 24th Feb 2017 A&P mtg: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/public-meetings/accountability-and-performance-panel/accountability-and-performance-panel-24-february-2017>
- (iii) HMIC Report 'PEEL: Police effectiveness 2016 - An inspection of Suffolk Constabulary': <https://www.justiceinspectores.gov.uk/hmic/publications/peel-police-effectiveness-2016-suffolk/>
[NB. The Summary section of the HMIC Report is reproduced for ease of reference within Agenda Item 8, Information Bulletin]

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