

**To: SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Date: 12 June 2012**  
**By: Alison Bolton, Chief Executive of Surrey Police Authority**  
**Title: REPORT FROM SURREY POLICE AUTHORITY**

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**Purpose of Report/Issue:**

To inform Members of the work of Surrey Police Authority since the last Council meeting in May 2012.

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**Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

At the annual meeting of the Police Authority, Peter Williams was elected Chairman and Lynn Hawkins JP was appointed Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the 2012 municipal year.

**PCC Partners Conference**

On Wednesday 23 May, the Authority hosted a conference on the possible implications for partners with the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners. Around 80 attendees from a range of organisations including Surrey Police, local authorities, health, probation, Victim Support, the Drug and Alcohol Action Team and the Local Government Association were present. Several members of the new Police and Crime Panel were also in attendance. The conference heard about the changes to governance occurring in November with the arrival of the Commissioner and those present were able to start to explore the possible impact on future funding, service delivery, commissioning frameworks and the wider political and partnership landscape.

Progress on 'transition' work continues apace and remains on track to date. Members will note that the majority of representatives for the shadow Police and Crime Panel have now been appointed by the constituent local authorities and Surrey County Council has appointed officer support to facilitate the panel's work.

**Policing during the Games**

Safety and security for the Olympic events is a joint responsibility between Surrey Police and organisers, such as the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games or Borough and District Councils for events such as the Torch Relay. The Force has been working closely with these agencies and other partners, including Surrey County Council, to plan, test and develop a coordinated response.

Detailed plans have been prepared for specific Games events, and for "business as usual" responsibilities, to ensure that Surrey Police maintains its level of service throughout the Games period. Additionally, Surrey Police has introduced strict policies and processes to manage staff absences during the Games, such as annual leave, training and sickness. The Force is also increasing the numbers of its own staff that it deploys on key dates. Plans are also in place to ensure that crimes committed within the county are subject to the same investigation process,

with the same investigative resources, as would be the case either before or after the Games period.

### **Business Partnering in Policing (BPP)**

At its meeting on 17 May, Members were informed that, following her appointment in February and subsequent review of the proposals for Business Partnering with West Midlands, the Chief Constable recommended a modified approach to this piece of work. The Chief Constable has been very aware of the challenges of explaining clearly what the programme seeks to achieve and has suggested great public involvement as the plans evolve. She has also explained her concerns around the strain on the Force during the busy Olympics period. Additionally, with the forthcoming election of a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in Surrey, Members agreed that it was necessary to ensure that the Commissioner would be provided an opportunity to influence and shape whatever was developed.

The Chief Constable's recommendation to the Authority was to review existing timescales and take more time over the summer to engage with the public and develop further, with Members, the organisation's approach to the next stage of the procurement process – the Invitation to Submit Outline Proposal (ISOP). A further report will be made to the Authority's meeting in the autumn.

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