

To: SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
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Title: REPORT FROM SURREY POLICE AUTHORITY

Purpose of Report/Issue:

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

HMIC Anti-Social Behaviour Inspection

Surrey Police was praised for achieving high levels of victim satisfaction in its handling of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in a national report published on 21 June.

The report, 'A Step in the Right Direction', was published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and is the result of the largest ever survey of victims of ASB with 9,300 respondents and an inspection of all 43 police forces in England and Wales.

Surrey Police was among the top three in the county for victim satisfaction for the way the Force deals with anti-social behaviour in local areas. More than 70% of Surrey respondents were also satisfied with the way ASB was dealt with overall, compared to a national average of 63%.

Police and Crime Commissioners

We continue to make progress on the work required to make the transition from the Police Authority to the new governance model.

Areas of particular focus have been:

- the budget setting process – the Government's decision to delay the election from the originally envisaged May 2012 date to November 2012 significantly reduces the period of time available to the Police and Crime Commissioner to set the budget and precept. We are developing timelines now to allow the Commissioner to set a budget and precept in accordance with the law; for those proposals to be scrutinised by the Police and Crime Panel; and for all of this to be done in such time as to allow Boroughs and Districts to issue their bills ready for the new financial year.
- Police and Crime Panel – the SCC Scrutiny Officer responsible for co-ordinating the Police and Crime Panel is now in place. He spent the day with Police Authority staff on 20 June 2012 to begin to discuss ways of working between the Office of the PCC and the Police and Crime Panel.

Referrals to the IPCC

In July 2011, Surrey Police established an internal investigation, Operation Baronet, in relation to the circumstances surrounding the accessing of Milly Dowler's voicemail by the News of the World in 2002. This team, under the leadership of ACC Jerry Kirkby, is providing support to the on-going Metropolitan Police Service Investigations, Operations Weeting and Elveden.

Certain limitations and restrictions have been placed on the compilation of this update due to the on-going Metropolitan Police Service criminal investigations and investigations currently underway by the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

As a result of the inquiry to date, matters have come to light that have been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

On 21 June 2012 Surrey Police Authority voluntarily referred a potential conduct matter relating to the Deputy Chief Constable Craig Denholm.

On 21 June 2012 Surrey Police voluntarily referred a separate potential conduct matter relating to the Temporary Detective Superintendent Maria Woodall.

Neither DCC Denholm nor T/Detective Superintendent Woodall have been suspended and both remain on duty.

A decision to delay the submission of the final report to Lord Justice Leveson has been made and endorsed by the Inquiry pending the outcome of the subsequent IPCC investigations.

2011-12 End of Year Finance and Performance Reports

We have been busy in recent weeks finalising our accounts for the year and also drawing together the final Surrey Police performance figures which will come before the Police Authority at its next public meeting on 12 July 2012.

Police Station Disposals

The Authority is expecting to decide on bids received for Walton and East Molesey Police Stations at its meeting on 12 July 2012. For commercial reasons, these bids are discussed in private session, although any decisions made will be communicated publicly afterwards.

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