

SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

QUARTERLY POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

09 September 2014

SUMMARY

The Police and Crime Panel for Surrey scrutinises the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Surrey, Kevin Hurley. The PCC published the Police and Crime Plan in March 2013 and issued some additional actions in March 2014. This report provides the first quarterly update for 2014/15, from April 2014 to June 2014, on how the PCC is progressing against the plan.

The attached document provides a detailed update against the plan. In addition, significant areas of work carried out by the Office of the PCC since the last report to the panel include:

- On 17 June, the Reigate & Banstead Joint Enforcement Team was launched, providing a more visible and robust response to anti-social behaviour in the Borough. This new team comprises of staff from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, such as Borough Community Officers, Environmental Health Officers, Civil Enforcement Officers and Planning Enforcement Officers, who work collaboratively with Police officers from Reigate & Banstead Safer Neighbourhood Team to deal more effectively with anti-social behaviour.
- On 8 July the Commissioner began a public consultation into new methods of dealing with offending. The consultation gives residents an opportunity to tell the Commissioner what they think should happen to people who have committed low-level crimes or anti-social behaviour in their area. The outcome of the consultation will feed into a Community Remedy document which will give victims a greater say in the way their reports of crime and anti-social behaviour are dealt with. The Community Remedy document is a list of actions which would be appropriate for an offender or someone who has engaged in anti-social behaviour to undertake as an alternative to the court process. Victims will see justice more quickly, and offenders will face immediate and meaningful consequences. The consultation had over 800 responses from the community and results are being considered.
- Victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence in Surrey are to benefit from £450,000 of additional funding for support services in the county. This follows a number of successful applications from Police and Crime

Commissioner to the Ministry of Justice, which has been running a competitive process for PCCs around the country to bid for additional funding for victims services in their areas. The OPCC is continuing with the wider work to commission victims support services and an update report is due to be considered by the Police and Crime Panel at its September meeting.

- Between April and June the PCC received seventeen applications for Community Safety Funding. Thirteen of these applications have been recommended for approval, totalling £108,001.
- Dates and venues for all Crime Summits in 2014/15 have now been agreed.
- On 19 June, a public interest report into the termination of the SIREN ICT project was issued by Grant Thornton. The report considered whether the decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Kevin Hurley, to terminate the project was reasonable, and reviewed the SIREN project from its inception to termination. As this was published as a public interest report, the OPCC was required to hold a public meeting in conjunction with Surrey Police to allow residents and interested parties to ask questions. This meeting took place on Friday 27th June 2014 at 7pm at the HG Wells Conference and Events Centre in Woking.

As Members will be aware, the PCC has not set targets for Surrey Police as he believes that this has the potential to skew activity in an unhelpful way. Surrey Police do, however, continue to monitor their own performance against a number of indicators to help assess whether they are progressing against relevant parts of the Police & Crime Plan. A copy of the latest Surrey Police performance scorecard is attached. It should be noted that this information is for Members' information and it is for the PCC, rather than the Panel, to scrutinise Surrey Police on its performance against the policing elements of the Plan.

The quarterly update and the performance report have been published on the PCC's website: www.surrey-pcc.gov.uk

RECOMMENDATIONS

That members of the Police and Crime Panel note the report.

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