

SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

FEEDBACK ON MANAGEMENT MEETINGS BETWEEN THE PCC AND CHIEF CONSTABLE

12th June 2013

SUMMARY

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey, Kevin Hurley, is holding bi-monthly management meetings with the Chief Constable, Lynne Owens and appropriate members of her senior team. These meetings are webcast for all to view. Their main purpose is to ensure the PCC is discharging his statutory responsibility to hold the Chief Constable to account for delivery against the six People's Priorities as set out in the Police & Crime Plan and to provide oversight and scrutiny of Force business.

The Commissioner is grateful to Mole Valley District Council who have provided their webcasting facilities free of charge.

The four meetings held to date have received a total of 1,493 viewers, either live or post-event.

At the Panel's request, the attached paper summarises the issues raised at the Management Meetings held since the Police & Crime Panel last met.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Police and Crime Panel note the report.

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

No implications.

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Bi-Monthly Management Meeting 11 March 2013

Agenda items for this meeting were:

1. Surrey Police Progress Against the Six People's Priorities
2. Development of Measures to Demonstrate Delivery of Priorities
3. Finance Report
4. Approval of the Revenue and Capital Budget and Levels of Reserves for Surrey Police
5. Update on on-going reviews
6. ICT contract issues

The main points of note from the meeting were as follows:

- Surrey Police had started working towards the six priorities in advance of the Police and Crime Plan being published at the end of March
- Operation Candlelight had proven successful in reducing domestic burglary over the winter months
- The Chief Constable consulted with the PCC on the starting salary of police constables. The PCC was fully supportive of using local discretion to implement a starting salary of £22k rather than the £19k level proposed by the Winsor review.
- The Chief Constable reported that she had asked the College of Policing to undertake a peer review of the way Surrey Police investigates historic sexual offences. This was supported by the PCC.
- The financial update showed a very slight overspend of £0.042m against the £208.8m budget.
- The Chief Constable provided an update on on-going reviews aimed at driving better performance, improving victim care and making cost savings. The reviews currently being undertaken included contact management, custody, professional standards and collaboration (both regionally and with Sussex). The PCC said that he was keen to see emergency response collaboration moved forward so that the closest police unit can respond to calls, not necessarily within the force boundary.

The webcast of the meeting and agenda are available on the PCC's website www.surrey-pcc.gov.uk

Bi-Monthly Management Meeting 15 May 2013

Agenda items for this meeting were:

Part 1 – In Public

1. Surrey Police Progress Against the Six People's Priorities
2. Partnership Working – Surrey Police
3. Meeting the Strategic Policing Requirement
4. Financial Update
5. ICT Issues

The main points of note from the meeting were as follows:

- Surrey Police had achieved and succeeded all of its 2012/13 Local Policing Plan targets and were now working on the six People's Priorities.
- The new Custody Suite in Salfords was due to open in autumn 2013 and would increase cell capacity on the Eastern side of the county.
- The Chief Constable noted the public's concerns about the 101 (non-emergency) number and calls being left unanswered. She reported that technical issues had proven problematic but this issue was being addressed.
- The PCC recognised the importance of the joint working between Surrey Police, Surrey County Council and the Youth Support Service in reducing youth reoffending – only four young people were currently serving custodial sentences in Surrey.
- The Government had made a decision to change the way it structures pensions and National Insurance contributions which would impose an even bigger budget gap for the Force - £4.4m. The Force would be looking at ways to factor this into the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- The PCC received a business case which proposed a replacement for the recently terminated Siren ICT project. The new system would allow collaborative working with Sussex and other forces in the region.

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