



## SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

### 3 February 2023

# PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEETINGS

## 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 One of the main responsibilities of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is to hold the Chief Constable to account for delivery of the Police and Crime Plan. Lisa Townsend has set up a governance framework to discharge this duty. The main part of this framework is to hold six-weekly meetings where the Chief Constable formally reports on progress against the Police & Crime Plan and other strategic issues. This is supplemented by workshops and one-to-one discussions between the PCC and Chief Constable, and other senior officers, when required.
- 1.2 Every other meeting is a private meeting to allow detailed scrutiny of resources and efficiency plans as well as sensitive performance issues. This is called a Resources and Efficiency Meeting.
- 1.3 Every other meeting is normally webcast for the public and partners to view and is focussed on performance and areas of public interest – called Accountability and Performance Meetings. The PCC chairs the meetings which are also attended by the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Other members of staff from the OPCC attend as required, depending on the agenda. The Chief Constable attends along with the Deputy Chief Constable and other force staff as required.
- 1.4 This report provides an update on the meetings that have been held and what has been discussed to demonstrate that arrangements for good governance and scrutiny are in place.

## 2. DETAILS

- 2.1 Since the last report on performance meetings to the panel two meetings have taken place:
- **14 November 2022** – Private Resources and Efficiency Meeting
  - **7 December 2022** – Additional meeting to consider budget and precept proposals for 2023/24.

2.2 The **14 November** public meeting took place between the PCC and Chief Constable, with a focus on the following topics:

- **HMICFRS report into vetting, misconduct and misogyny in the police**  
There was an initial discussion concerning findings. Since the meeting, a full response has been published and is available on the PCC's website.
- **Financial Monitoring**  
The PCC was provided an update on the latest revenue and capital forecast figures position and reviewed the annual activity and performance of the treasury management function.
- **Budget & Precept 2023/24**  
The PCC considered financial modelling by Surrey Police for the 2023/24 budget, and the implications of varying precept levels for 2023/24.
- **Just Stop Oil Protest Update**  
The PCC discussed the Force's response to the Just Stop Oil protests which was felt to had been both effective and proportional.

2.3 The meeting on **7 December** took place between the PCC and Deputy Chief Constable, looking exclusively at budget preparations. This and wider discussions helped inform the public consultation and the precept proposal that has been brought to the Panel.

### 3. FUTURE MEETINGS:

- 3.1 The PCC is currently working with Surrey Police to review the Office's approach to public Accountability and Performance meetings, to ensure that they provide a truly useful mechanism for the public to gain a greater insight into local policing. Dates will be confirmed shortly.
- 3.2 The next Resources and Efficiency Meeting with the Chief Constable is due to take place on 2 March 2022.

### 4. WIDER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1 Whilst the above meeting-based approach provides a firm foundation for the PCC to scrutinise Force performance, the OPCC has been eager to explore additional forms of public scrutiny and has now formally launched a dedicated Data Hub, where members of the public, stakeholders and interested parties can explore key areas of Force performance.
- 4.2 The Hub can be accessed via <https://data.surrey-pcc.gov.uk> and is updated monthly with the latest force data. Additional data concerning OPCC activity – such as delivery of the ICV scheme, complaint oversight and commissioning – is also included, with both quantitative and qualitative data available.

4.3 Following feedback from some Panel members, the Hub has been updated to include some national comparisons, based on ONS data, to put the Surrey data in context.

## 5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Police and Crime Panel note the update and work being undertaken to improve transparency.

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