

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

23 March 2016

Police and Crime Panel



Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with progress of the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) for the Durham Constabulary Force area.

Background

2. This report builds upon information previously presented to the Committee and the aim of this report is to provide an update to Members in relation to the following areas from the Panel's meeting held on 3 March 2016:
 - Revenue and Capital Budgets 2016/17, Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20, Revenue and Capital Budgets 2015/16
 - Community Safety Funding 2016/17
 - Quarter 3 Performance Report 2015/16
 - Recent HMIC Inspection Reports
 - New Policing and Crime Bill

Detail

3. Mr Gary Ridley, PCC's Chief Finance Officer presented the report that provided detail on the PCC'S decisions in respect of:
 - Approving the revenue budget and policing precept for 2016/17;
 - Approving the capital budget for 2016/17;
 - Approving the revised revenue & capital budgets for 2015/16;
 - Approving the medium term financial plan, and
 - Considering the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of reserves.

Community Safety Funding 2016/17

4. The report, presented by Mr Alan Reiss, Chief of Staff provided detail to members on the allocation of funding to both County Durham and Darlington Community Safety Partnerships and how the money has been allocated to their respective priority areas for 2016/17.
5. The PCC's Community Safety Fund is administrated through the County Durham Foundation and the report identifies projects that have received Community Safety Funding within the County Durham & Darlington area during 2015/16. Members were also informed that the process to apply for funding applications for 2016/17 was launched on 22 February 2016.

6. **Quarter 3 Performance Report 2015/16**

The Panel received a presentation on the Quarter 3 2015-16 Performance report from the Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Ron Hogg. The interactive report provided Members with performance information on Victim Based Crime, Public Confidence and Victim Satisfaction. The report is available from the PCC's website and provides information on key performance data linked to the Commissioner's priorities and anti-social behaviour at a local level.

7. In considering the report the Panel asked, where possible, if consideration could be given to include comparison data of performance information with other forces.

Recent HMIC Inspection Reports

8. The Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Ron Hogg presented a report on outcomes following HMIC Inspection reports that rated Durham Constabulary as 'outstanding' for Effectiveness and Efficiency and 'good' for Legitimacy.
9. The Panel noted this was an extremely positive report with many areas within each inspection being rated as 'outstanding', the report also included information on an action plan in place with regard to stop and search and that Durham Constabulary were the only force in the Country to receive a rating of outstanding for Effectiveness. It is also to note that within the Effectiveness inspection, the Force were graded as outstanding in relation to tackling serious and organised crime.

New Policing and Crime Bill

10. The Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Ron Hogg presented a report to inform Panel members of the proposals within the Policing and Crime Bill which has been recently introduced into the House of Commons. Members were advised that the Bill covers a number of areas including proposals on collaboration, police volunteer powers, reforming the police complaints system and firearms and alcohol licensing laws.

Recommendation

11. Members of the Committee are asked to note information contained within the report and comment accordingly.

Background Papers

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None

Staffing – None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder – information contained within this report is linked to Altogether Safer element of the Council Plan.

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – the Panel's responsibilities within the Police, Reform and Social Responsibility Act is referenced within the report