

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Police and Crime Panel



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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 10th March 2017:

- Introduction to Deputy Chief Constable Jo Farrell
- Operation Encompass
- Quarter 3 2016/17 Performance report
- Revenue and Capital budgets 2016/17 & 2017/18
- HMIC Inspection Report into Police Effectiveness

Detail

- 3 **Introduction to Deputy Chief Constable Jo Farrell**
The Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC) introduced Deputy Chief Constable Jo Farrell to the panel. The Deputy Chief Constable provided Members with a brief background to her policing career, work undertaken to date within Durham Constabulary and responded to questions from Members.
- 4 **Operation Encompass**
The Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC) delivered a presentation to the panel on implementation of Operation Encompass within County Durham and Darlington. Operation Encompass is a process by which key adults in schools and academies are informed that a child attending school may have been exposed to domestic abuse, or otherwise been affected.
- 5 The Panel were informed that 130 schools have opted into the process in County Durham and all 38 schools within Darlington.
- 6 **Quarter 3 Performance Report**
The Panel received a presentation on the Quarter 3 2016-17 Performance report from the Office of the PCVC. 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 Revenue and Capital budgets 2017/18 & 2016/17

The PCVC and Mr Gary Ridley, Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner presented a report that set out the PCVC's decisions in respect of:

- Setting the revenue budget and issuing the policing precept for 2017/18
- Approving the capital budget for 2017/18
- Approving the revised revenue and capital budgets for 2016/17
- Approving the treasury management policy and strategy for 2017/18
- Considering the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of reserves

8 HMIC Inspection Report into Police Effectiveness

The PCVC presented a report on outcomes of the HMIC PEEL inspection into police effectiveness that assessed the following components:

- How effective is the force at preventing crime, tackling anti-social behaviour and keeping people safe? - Outstanding
- How effective is the force at investigating crime and reducing re-offending? - Good
- How effective is the force at protecting those who are vulnerable from harm and supporting victims? – Good
- How effective is the force at tackling serious and organised crime? – Outstanding
- How effective are the force's specialist capabilities? – not graded

The Panel were informed that Durham Constabulary was the only force within the Country to receive an overall inspection rating of Outstanding.

Recommendation

- 9 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