

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 9 December 2019

Police & Crime Plan Performance Monitoring Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Panel with an update on progress in delivering the current Police and Crime Plan (the Plan) for Lancashire 2016-2021.

This report covers the 2nd quarter' from the 1 July 2019 to 30 September 2019

RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to consider the report.

Background

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner has a responsibility to hold the Chief Constable to account for the Constabulary's performance as against the police and crime plan priorities by means of the quarterly Strategic Scrutiny meeting.
2. This link <https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/meetings-and-reports/strategic-scrutiny-meetings/> details the Scrutiny papers received from the Chief Constable and the note of the meeting records the PCC holding the Chief Constable to account.
3. The Panel are therefore referred to that Scrutiny meeting and may through today's meeting ask the Police and Crime Commissioner issues they feel relevant to that Scrutiny.

Performance Headlines

4. As members are aware, the Police and Crime Commissioner has a statutory duty to under section 12 of the Act, to produce an Annual Report on the exercise of the organisation's functions in the financial year and the progress that has been made in the meeting of the police and crime objectives in the Police and Crime Plan.
5. A copy of the draft annual report was presented to the Panel in September 2019 and following receipt of the panel's comments has now been published.

6. Since the last meeting in September 2019, HMICFRS have carried out a 3 day Counter Terrorism Inspection for Lancashire Constabulary. Initial feedback from HMICFRS was positive and a single thematic report will be presented to the Home Secretary by 31st March 2020. The report will also be presented to the Panel following its release.
7. The Commissioner was pleased to learn that all Lancashire specific HMICFRS recommendations have been completed and evidenced and are now awaiting sign off by the respective HMICFRS lead officer.
8. It is anticipated that prior to the next full meeting in March 2020 the Constabulary will be inspected by HMICFRS/HMIP in relation to custody.
9. The Panel will recall that at the last meeting an enquiry was made of the Commissioner in relation to the level of recorded crime. As anticipated, recorded crime increases have continued to level off. There was a 2% increase in recorded offences from 152,063 to 155,255 year on year (October 17'-Sept' '18 compared with October '18 – Sept '19). This quarter, (Q2 2019-20) is the first which allows for a more meaningful year on year comparison, given that recorded crime increased sharply in Q1 2018-19, following interventions as a result of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS') Crime Data Integrity (CDI) inspections. The minimal year on year change reported to September 2019 provides that the increases seen over the past year were largely attributable to changes in crime recording practices.
10. In early November, the Commissioner launched a new fund to tackle knife crime across the county with community groups and third sector organisations having the opportunity to bid for up to £20k for initiatives from a £100k funding pot which the Commissioner has set aside from the £1.8m Home Office grant. 42 applications have been received for projects that aim to address the known underlying causes and drivers of knife crime. A presentation on the Violence Reduction Unit and knife crime appears elsewhere on the Agenda.
11. The Commissioner held two Modern Slavery events in Blackpool and Lancaster in September and October respectively, both of which were very well attended and supported by all members of the Pan Lancashire anti-Slavery Partnership (PLASP).
12. The work of the PLASP continues to go from strength to strength with membership increasing all the time and buy in from agencies, local authorities, DWP, businesses and a number of charities to name a few.
13. The Commissioner held a number of shows at various locations throughout the summer focussing on rural crime with both the PCC/DPCC attending all if

not most of them. This was a great opportunity to join up to the Let's Talk Policing Survey and highlight/support rural crime initiatives.

14. The OPCC took part in a national survey earlier in the year to support information around domestic abuse in the rural communities. This outcomes of this survey formed part of the national rural crime conference held recently at which Lancashire was noted for its commitment and support to tackling this issue. Further developments are for members of the OPCC to work with the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners' National Lead Julia Mulligan to take this work forward.
15. During the last quarter the OPCC have remained heavily involved in all the Criminal justice subgroups including victims and witnesses (newly introduced Victims Code of Practice being implemented) representative of the PCC's office chaired LCJB twice.
16. The Reducing Reoffending Board has continued to go from strength to strength under the influence of the Independent Chair, funded by the PCC. At the beginning of the last quarter further funding was awarded for a number of projects amounting to £172K for 9 schemes across Lancashire. These projects included the Lancashire Women's Centre AVERT scheme supporting females in and out of custody and Active Lancashire providing structured schemes of support through local football clubs.
17. Since September the Commissioner has visited all three Major Incident Rooms and listened at first hand to very real demands on the service. With a normal expectation of 12 murders per year, the Major Incident Rooms are seeing unprecedented times with numbers currently at 26. These incidents have to be heavily resourced and come at a huge cost on stretched resources.
18. Excellent progress is being made in respect of the digitalisation programme being implemented across the Constabulary with officers receiving new hand held devices (Samsungs and iPads) to keep them out in the community without needing to return to the station providing continuous visibility whilst enabling officers to complete documentation that would normally require them to return the station.
19. The Commissioner has commissioned Tonic Consultancy to undertake a pan-Lancashire mapping exercise of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence services across Lancashire which is due to conclude in December. Early findings are to be presented to the project steering group on 10 December. The full report is expected in January 2020.
20. With a 3 year pilot to place sexual violence support in Lancashire Health Settings coming to an end in March 2020 the Commissioner has submitted a

business case to NHS England for continuation of the project past that point. The business case has been approved and funding has now been granted to continue the project on a rolling 2 year basis. Further, the Commissioner is hosting a conference for 200 delegates this month to share learning from the project with Safeguarding professionals across the county and further afield.

21. The Commissioner has supported the Constabulary's internal Record4Victims campaign at a number of roadshow events to inform officers of the support available from Lancashire Victims Services and to highlight why accurate recording is important to ensure victims are able to access support.

Recommendation

Panel Members are recommended to consider the information contained in this report, and the information provided within the meeting, and comment accordingly.

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