

**Title:** Update Report – Police and Crime Commissioner

**Wards Affected:** All

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## 1. Achievements since last meeting

### 1.1 *Police and Crime Plan 2014-2017 – refresh*

The Police and Crime Commissioner (the Commissioner) has been reviewing the Police and Crime Plan published last year to take account of experience gained in the first year and to reflect emerging threats and issues. A draft refresh of the Police and Crime Plan 2014-2017 has been prepared and views are currently being sought from partners, including this Board, on the priorities and activities that have been identified. Views are sought by 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

The draft Police and Crime Plan sets out the Commissioner's six priorities and the identified actions that he proposes to take to deliver against them. It also sets out clearly what the Commissioner expects of the Chief Constable and the activities he will be looking to take forward with partners.

The overall vision that underpins the revised Police and Crime Plan is to ensure that Devon and Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly continues to be a safe place to live, work and visit. To keep crime levels low; to improve confidence in policing; to support the economy; and to encourage people to work together to make our communities safer.

Six priority areas of activity have been identified.

**To make our area a safer place to live, work and visit – reducing the likelihood that people will become victims of crime.** The overriding objective is to keep crime levels low. The Plan reinforces the Commissioner's commitment to neighbourhood policing and his pledge to keep police officer numbers above 3000 for the duration of this Plan. Specific actions are identified in the Plan to address particular crimes, such as violent crime, sexual assault and domestic abuse – in addition to the wider policing mission.

**To reduce alcohol related crime and the harm it causes.** Alcohol related crime and harm is a significant concern within our area. It places significant costs on our public

services and affects our communities and individuals in many different ways. We need to create an environment where consumption of alcohol is undertaken responsibly and with recognition of the impact that alcohol can have on others and the community at large and where tolerance is low for those who engage in crime as a result of excessive drinking. The actions and activities set out in the draft Plan are focused on achieving this. The police, local authorities, partner agencies, businesses, communities and the third sector all have a role to play in reducing the harm that alcohol related crime has on our society and we will be looking to work closely with them to deliver this Plan.

**To make every penny count in protecting policing for the long term. To drive for further efficiency, work to secure more central funding and actively explore all avenues to deliver the significant savings we require to sustain our services.** The funding landscape for policing over the coming years is challenging. Significant efficiency savings have already been made in our area but further action is needed to ensure that over the longer term we are able to deliver a high quality police service for our communities. Alongside ongoing work to explore the scope for a possible Strategic Alliance between Devon and Cornwall and Dorset, a comprehensive project will be launched to identify how we can avoid a structural deficit from 2017/18. It will explore the scope for collaboration and partnership, how we might increase policing income as well as the capacity for further efficiency savings. All options will be considered and inevitably we could face some tough choices but it is right that this work is progressed to protect policing over the longer term.

**To promote an effective criminal justice system that delivers high quality services for victims, witnesses and society.** It is essential that all stages of the criminal justice system function well and that each of the key agencies work together in an efficient and effective way. It must support the successful prosecution of offences, with robust and well run cases. It must provide an appropriate range of mechanisms for dealing with offences – including the use of out of court settlements, asset recovery mechanisms and restorative justice where appropriate. Finally it must deliver a reduction in reoffending through the provision of high quality and robust rehabilitation services. The Commissioner has a statutory duty to work with criminal justice bodies to provide an efficient and effective criminal justice system for the police area and the Plan identifies a range of actions that will be taken forward by the Commissioner and the police service, working closely with partners. The most significant issue on the horizon for the coming year is the planned reform of rehabilitation services and we will need to work closely with all partners to ensure that the new arrangements being put in place meet our local needs.

**To deliver a high quality victim support service across our area.** It is vital that timely information, support and care is delivered to all victims of crime and that the services provided meet their needs and that the new Victims Code is effectively implemented within our area. From April 2015 the Commissioner will take direct responsibility for the commissioning of victims services across the peninsula and we will be working closely with partners and with the Commissioner's Victims Advisor to ensure that we have a coherent and comprehensive approach that meets the needs of all kinds of victims.

**To encourage and enable citizens and communities to play their part in fighting crime and keeping their communities safe.** A stronger emphasis is placed in the refreshed Plan on the need to stop crime from occurring and on the role that citizens, businesses and communities can play in helping us to achieve this. We will be working closely with the police service and partners to engage these groups more closely in work to prevent crime and to improve community safety. A review of the role of volunteering within the wider policing family will be carried out to support delivery of this priority.

It is intended that a refreshed Police and Crime Plan will be in place by the end of March 2014. To support this timeframe views on the draft Plan are requested by 14 February 2014.

### *1.2 Addressing the harm caused by alcohol related crime*

As part of the Commissioner's wider agenda to reduce the harm caused by alcohol related crime a retailers summit has been arranged for March 2014. All major supermarkets and convenience store chains active in Devon and Cornwall have been invited to attend the summit to discuss the particular problems being experienced in our area, including our higher than expected levels of violent crime and to explore how we can work with retailers to address these issues. Among the issues that the Commissioner wants to discuss are changes to drinking patterns and the easy availability of low cost and super strength alcohol and the considerable impact this makes on 'pre-loading'. Responses from retailers has been good.

### *1.3 Mental Health*

An oral update will be provided at the meeting by Ian Ansell on recent development on mental health matters.

### *1.4 PCC's Small Grants Scheme*

The Commissioner's Small Grants Scheme was launched to provide funding to projects which support delivery of the Police and Crime Plan. The maximum available award is £5,000. The application process for the first tranche of applications closed on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013 and 171 applications were received. 25 applicants were successful – with a total of £98,318 awarded to a range of projects relating to the priorities of the Police and Crime Plan. Applicants were informed of the outcome of their applications in December 2013.

55 applications sought to address more than one of the Police and Crime Plan priorities. The highest number was concerned with Youth, the second with Reducing Reoffending. The third biggest number of applications related to CCTV. The process of selection included representatives from Devon and Cornwall infrastructure organisations. It took over two days to moderate and mark applications. The process was reviewed by the Commissioning and Scrutiny Board. The full list of awards is set out below.

In terms of distribution: 48% of successful applications were focused on Devon; 24% were Devon and Cornwall wide (including Torbay and Plymouth); 8% were focused on

Cornwall; 4% were focused on Torbay, 8% were focused on Plymouth; and the remaining 8% were focused on Devon and Torbay.

Applicants were notified of the outcome of their application in December 2013. Unsuccessful applicants were provided with a list of alternative funders and grant bodies. More detailed feedback has been provided by the OPCC on request from 64 applicants.

The second round of the PCC's Small Grants Scheme is now open and will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May (to be awarded in July 2014). The application form has been amended to include an equality and diversity question.

<b>Sum of Amount</b>		
<b>Area covered</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cornwall focus</b>	<b>Cube Theatre</b>	<b>1900</b>
	<b>WRSAC</b>	<b>3360</b>
<b>Cornwall Total</b>		<b>5260</b>
<b>Devon focus</b>	<b>Community Housing Aid</b>	<b>3484</b>
	<b>Devon People First</b>	<b>4840</b>
	<b>Exeter Community Initiatives</b>	<b>5000</b>
	<b>Grow 4 Good</b>	<b>2789.02</b>
	<b>Njenni Enterprise</b>	<b>2700</b>
	<b>North Devon Homes Ltd</b>	<b>3000</b>
	<b>R.O.C</b>	<b>4989.75</b>
	<b>SAFE</b>	<b>5000</b>
	<b>Step Up Devon</b>	<b>4850</b>
	<b>Street Pastors</b>	<b>750</b>
	<b>Tarka child contact centre</b>	<b>1200</b>
<b>Young Devon</b>	<b>4941</b>	
<b>Devon Total</b>		<b>43543.77</b>
<b>Devon and Cornwall wide focus (including Plymouth and Torbay)</b>	<b>Circles SW</b>	<b>4999</b>

	<b>Crimestoppers</b>	<b>1058</b>
	<b>Living Options</b>	<b>5000</b>
	<b>R J workings</b>	<b>5000</b>
	<b>S W C C</b>	<b>4757.5</b>
	<b>Safe South West</b>	<b>4450</b>
<b>Devon and Cornwall Total</b>		<b>25264.5</b>
<b>Plymouth focus</b>	<b>Devon and Cornwall Furniture Reuse Project</b>	<b>5000</b>
	<b>Whizz Kids</b>	<b>5000</b>
<b>Plymouth Total</b>		<b>10000</b>
<b>Torbay focus</b>	<b>Great Parks Community Centre</b>	<b>5000</b>
<b>Torbay Total</b>		<b>5000</b>
<b>Devon &amp; Torbay focus</b>	<b>Mencap (Exeter)</b>	<b>4250</b>
	<b>SOS Global</b>	<b>5000</b>
<b>Devon &amp; Torbay Total</b>		<b>9250</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>98,318.27</b>

## **2. Challenges for the next three months**

2.1 Key challenges for the next three months include the finalisation of the Police and Crime Plan 2014-2017 refresh and its associated budget and the commencement of key projects to support that Plan: including work on the development of a Financial Roadmap to ensure a balanced budget from 2017/18 and driving forward work on alcohol.

## **3. Action required by partners**

3.1 To review the draft Police and Crime Plan and provide any feedback or views that you may have. We would also ask you to consider how we can work together in delivering against this Plan and the specific 'asks' identified in the draft Plan that are relevant to you. Finally to seek your assistance in driving forward progress against the final Plan and in helping us to identify and remove any barriers to effective delivery.