

Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel

1 February 2018

Work Programme 2018/19

Recommendation

That the Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel:

- 1) Considers the updated work programme for 2018/19.
- 2) Adds the Police and Crime Commissioners Communication and Engagement Strategy to the work programme for 19 March 2018 (see 4.0)

1.0 Work Programme

- 1.1 The work programme is a live document which will be updated following each meeting. Items may be deferred or added to the Work Programme as considered necessary and agreed by the Chair of the Panel. A copy of the current work programme is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.2 Proper work programming will enable the panel to manage its time and resources effectively. The Panel will need to strike a balance between fulfilling its statutory duties, conducting any in-year reviews, and allowing space in the work programme for any reactive and responsive scrutiny. This means that shortlisting and programming items should be done on a strict prioritised basis to ensure that any work is fully resourced. To ensure timely work programming, the Panel should engage with the Commissioner and his office to ensure that there is no duplication of work, and to provide up to date background information about areas of potential enquiry.

2.0 Recommendations and Action Plan

- 2.1 Appendix B is a document which will help the Panel to keep track of recommendations and requests that it has made either to the County Council or to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. This is updated regularly and presented to each Panel meeting, so that members can track progress and determine whether any further action is required.

3.0 Liaison with West Mercia Police and Crime Panel

- 3.1 In 2011, Warwickshire Police entered into a Strategic Alliance with West Mercia Police, working together but retaining their own identities. Below the rank of Deputy Chief Constable, the functions of both police forces are combined in the Alliance. Therefore, the Panel may find it useful to keep abreast of the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel Work Programme and liaise accordingly. The last meeting between the Chairs of the Warwickshire

and West Mercia Panels was on 6 November 2017. The next meeting of West Mercia's Police and Crime Panel on 6 February will consider the PCC's precept proposal.

4.0 The Police and Crime Commissioner's Communication and Engagement Strategy

4.1 On 3 February 2017, the Police and Crime Panel reviewed the PCC's new Communication and Engagement Strategy. At that meeting, it was explained that a yearly programme of work had been identified and that the strategy would be refreshed annually. Accordingly, the Panel's Chair has requested that the Strategy return to the Panel to consider what actions have been taken to fulfil the ambitions of the Strategy.

4.2 This request is paired against the recent publication of Office for National Statistics data which shows that certain demographics are particularly disengaged and unaware of the PCC's role than others. The findings from the Survey of Crime in England and Wales for the year ending March 2017 show that the people most likely to be aware of PCCs were well educated retired white men on larger household incomes, living in detached homes in rural areas. Conversely, those least likely to be aware of PCCs were young women from minority ethnic backgrounds, on low incomes in urban areas.

4.3 The Panel are recommended to programme a review of Police and Crime Commissioner's Communication and Engagement Strategy for 19 March 2018.

5.0 Recent changes to the Work Programme

5.1 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has made contact with the Force to reschedule their attendance at the Police and Crime Panel to present on the use of Body Work Video. This will be programmed for the Panel in line with officer availability.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Work Programme 2017/18

Appendix B – Recommendations and Actions Log 2017/18

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