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## Report to the Police and Crime Panel

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**Report on the work of the**  
**Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

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## **1) Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Panel with an update on the key activities that have taken place since the panel last met on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017.

## **2) Force Performance:**

The Quarter 1 2017/18 Warwickshire force performance report can be found at **Appendix A**. On receipt of the report I asked specific performance questions to the Chief Constable and Chief Superintendent Alex Franklin-Smith. My questions and the responses received can be found at **Appendix B (RESTRICTED)**.

The Police and Crime Panel Planning and Performance working group scrutinised the report at their meeting held on 15th August.

A separate performance report in relation to 'Outcomes' which I specifically requested from Warwickshire Police can be found at **Appendix C (RESTRICTED)**.

## **3) Monitoring of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) key recommendations.**

At the Panel meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March members asked how I monitor and examine the actions taken towards addressing the key recommendations of the HMICFRS inspectorate.

Following all HMICFRS inspections, I review all the local and national thematic inspection reports. As PCC I have a responsibility to comment on the Warwickshire specific reports published by HMIC and send a response to the Home Secretary. My responses have been previously shared with the Panel and are published on the OPCC website. In the majority of cases the inspection reports identify a number of areas for improvement which the force then develops action plans to implement the recommendations.

My office receives regular updated versions of the action plans which are scrutinised. In addition the Alliance has implemented a Service Improvement Board (SIB) which my Chief Executive attends. The purpose of the board is to provide accountability and assurance that the Alliance is delivering against required improvements and identifying themes for organisational learning.

If there are areas that I deem to require further scrutiny I raise these directly with the Chief Constable via our weekly meeting. An example being in the PEEL Effectiveness 2016 inspection HMICFRS had concerns around the use of Outcome 16 and stated the force should take immediate steps to understand the reasons why such a high proportion of crimes (including those related to domestic abuse) fall into the outcome category 'evidential difficulties victim does not support police action', and rectify this to ensure that it is pursuing justice on behalf of victims. I am monitoring this work closely and as evidenced in the force performance questions I pose to the Chief Constable, Outcomes is an area which I place a heavy focus. In addition I have requested from the force a position statement on Outcomes and what action is being taken to deliver improvements.

#### **4) Warwickshire Protocol 2017 – Dealing with Unauthorised Encampments in Warwickshire**

The Panel have previously been updated on the work my office has undertaken to improve the County response to Unauthorised Traveller Encampments. All of the work has now culminated in an Unauthorised Encampments in Warwickshire protocol being developed. The protocol has been adopted by Warwick District Council, but formal adoption is being progressed by the relevant partners through their executive decision making bodies in the coming weeks. The OPCC is continuing to chair the operational working group in the meantime. The protocol can be found at **Appendix D**.

#### **5) Emergency Service Collaboration Working Group**

Since I took up the Chairmanship of the Emergency Service Collaboration Working Group at the beginning of 2017, the landscape of collaboration has been rapidly changing.

Four Police and Crime Commissioners are actively consulting on local proposals all closing in September: Cambridgeshire; Staffordshire; West Mercia; and North Yorkshire. Essex, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire have also recently finished public consultations. While the results are still being tallied up, I understand from my colleagues that in most areas, the majority of the responses so far have been positive and last month Roger Hirst, the PCC for Essex, became the first to receive the go ahead.

In addition to the activity in the police and fire landscape, I have been busy working with partners across the sector asking where the opportunities are in Emergency Services Collaboration more broadly; involving the whole spectrum of partners working to keep our communities safe.

With three sector wide meetings already under our belt for the year, the group is gearing up to pursue a number of objectives, including:

- The development of a national repository for collaboration information to be collated and shared, building on the progress already made by our National Overview published in 2016.
- Identification of an evaluation method that will demonstrate the value of collaboration projects
- Producing guidance on the new duty to collaborate.

Locally, at this time there is no appetite to change the governance arrangements in the county. Consideration is being given to the establishment of a joint advisory board between the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the County Council as Fire and Rescue Authority and also at an operational level between the Police and Fire and Rescue Services. The overall aim would be for the board to explore opportunities to improve the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of those services and the enhancement of community safety (i.e. better outcomes for

residents). Terms of Reference have been drafted which are out for comment and they will be presented at the next full Warwickshire County Council meeting in September for agreement.

## **6) Planning Inspector's Report Published - Former Warwickshire Police Headquarters, Leek Wootton**

I am pleased to report that the new Warwick Local Plan has been published which confirms that the Planning Inspector has allocated 115 homes to the former Warwickshire Police Headquarters site in Leek Wootton. The report has also confirmed that the area of the police site to be developed for housing should be released from the Green Belt. The Council has therefore announced that it intends to adopt the Plan on 20 September 2017.

## **7) Meetings with the County Members of Parliament (MPs)**

Since the last Panel meeting I have held meetings with four of the five county MPs. The fifth meeting will take place at the earliest opportunity when diaries allow. Where possible these have been joint meetings with the Chief Constable. The purpose of these meetings has been to raise awareness of the reduction in police officer numbers since 2010 and make the case for greater police funding.

## **8) Role of Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Rob Tromans**

Following the successful appointment and confirmation hearing, I have allocated Rob a number of portfolios for him to lead on as my Deputy. Rob will be leading on fire collaboration locally, representing the office at the Health and Wellbeing Board and at the Warwickshire Youth Justice Chief Officers Board. He will be overseeing OPCC grant decisions for Warwickshire County Council funded projects and also be attending the Joint Audit Committee meetings. In addition Rob will be supporting me with my engagement activity; he has already visited and engaged with staff / officers at both Justice Centres and Leek Wootton as part of his induction.

## **9) Launch of Victims' Charter**

The panel have previously had the opportunity to comment on the draft Victim's Charter. I can report that the Charter will be officially launched on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, coinciding with a visit from Baroness Newlove, Victims Commissioner.

## **10) Outcome of the Mental Health triage pilot**

At the panel meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 members asked what the outcome of the mental health triage pilot was. The outcome of the pilot is reported on in **Item 7**.

## **11) Summary of activity since 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017**

The list is not exhaustive but I have attended the following meetings / events:

- Continued to meet the Chief Constable in private on a weekly basis to hold him to account
- Attended the Trust, Integrity and Ethics Committee
- Chaired the Alliance Governance Group meeting (AGG)
- Attended the regional PCC and Chief Constable meeting

- Received a briefing on the performance of the OCC and the plans in place to address current issues
- Chaired the third meeting of the Emergency Services Working Group
- Met with Crimestoppers to discuss their campaign work
- Attended NFU meeting
- Attended the Police Bravery Awards 2017
- Met with Nadhim Zahawi MP
- Visited Alcester Police station as part of my engagement strategy
- Visited Nuneaton Justice Centre as part of my engagement strategy with police and partners
- Attended APCC Annual General Meeting
- Celebrated the achievements of Warwickshire Police Cadets
- Met with Place Partnership to discuss Warwickshire estate plans
- Spoke with members of the public at Whitacre show
- Visited Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Mosque in Leamington
- Visited Leek Wootton as part of my engagement strategy
- Met with Marcus Jones MP
- Met with recently appointed Alliance Transformation Director
- Attended Place Partnership Limited Board Meeting
- Presented at Nuneaton & Bedworth Overview & Scrutiny Meeting

## **9) Decisions of the PCC**

No new decisions have been published since the last Police and Crime Panel meeting.

A copy of the non-exempt completed decision forms will be published on the OPCC website together with any relevant documents in due course.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix A – Warwickshire Police Q1 performance report Q1 2017/18

Appendix B – RESTRICTED - Warwickshire police response to Q1 force performance report questions posed

Appendix C – RESTRICTED Warwickshire 'Outcomes' performance Report

Appendix D – Warwickshire Protocol 2017 – Dealing with Unauthorised Encampments in Warwickshire

Appendix E – RESTRICTED - Warwickshire Police Outcomes Position Update

Appendix F – RESTRICTED - Victim Management Unit