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Agenda Item 5

Warwickshire Police & Crime Panel

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Report on the Work of the Police and Crime Commissioner

1. **Intention**

The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Police and Crime Panel (P&CP) with an update on the key activities of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) that have taken place since the panel last met on 19th March 2018.

2. **Force Performance.**

- The 'Warwickshire Police Performance Summary Q4 2017/18' is at **Appendix A**.
- I subsequently scrutinised the data and held the Chief Constable to account for the force's performance through the mechanism of asking specific asking questions at one of our weekly meetings. A written report detailing my questions, together with the responses provided, is at **Appendix B**.
- Both of these documents are now posted on the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) website for public access.
- On the 17th May 2018 the PCP Planning and Performance Working Group scrutinised both of these documents.

3. **Athena.**

On the 4th October 2017 Warwickshire Police implemented the Athena ICT programme. The force subsequently convened a Critical Incident Management Meeting (CIMM), chaired by the Deputy Chief Constable, to manage a number of issues arising from its introduction. Whilst a number of interventions have been put into effect to remedy these matters, there still remains three areas of concern: -

- i. Criminal Justice file quality
- ii. Reliability of the performance data.
- iii. Backlog of crimes awaiting quality assurance and finalising by the Information Management Unit (IMU).

Whilst the OPCC has been engaged with the Athena CIMM from its inception, limited enquiries are currently being made to provide additional scrutiny to determine the extent of these issues in terms of: -

- i. Athena's impact on the performance data.
- ii. Athena's impact on the force's management of the risk of harm to the vulnerable.

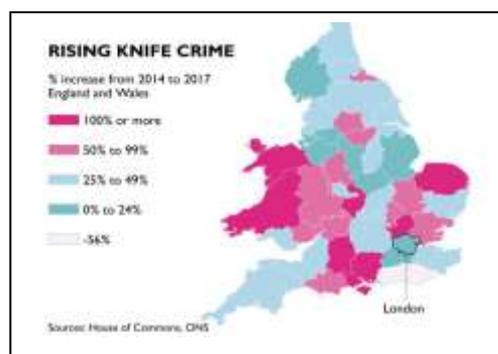
The OPCC's findings will be reported upon in due course.

4. **Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (DPCC).**

As you are undoubtedly aware, Rob Tromans resigned from his position as my DPCC in April 2018 for personal reasons. During his tenure he represented the office at a number of meeting and engagement events with partners and the public and provided oversight of OPCC grant decisions for Warwickshire County Council funded projects. Since his departure his workload has been reallocated within the OPCC, including myself undertaking the role of chair of the Blue Light Collaboration Joint Advisory Board.

5. **Knife Crime.**

On the 6th May 2018 The Sunday Times printed an article 'County lines drug gangs spread knife crime epidemic to shires', with the subtitle of 'City drug gangs bring bloodshed to counties'. In the article Warwickshire was identified as being one of the worse affected by knife crime with a 180% increase in such crimes.



Subsequent research conducted by the force's Assurance and Service Improvement (A&SI) and an 'Alliance Knife Crime Profile' prepared by Crime Intelligence revealed the following information for the period 2017/18 when compared to 2016/17: -

Alliance

- Knife related crime involves offences where a knife, dagger, bottle, glass, razor, sharp instrument is used.
- A knife was used in 81% of cases, the most common form being a kitchen knife, followed by a Stanley knife and a machete. Glass was the second most frequently used implement.
- Knife related crime is linked to the night time economy, but only 3% were committed within night time venues.
- Drug related offences accounted for 5% of knife related crime where the victim or offender were under the influence of drugs.
- Alcohol related offences accounted for 21% of knife related crime where the victim or offender were under the influence of alcohol.
- Domestic abuse offences accounted for 24% of knife related crime.
- Stranger violence accounted for 47% of knife related crime.
- Males accounted for 85% of offenders in knife related crime and predominantly 15 to 24 years of age.

Warwickshire

- An increase in knife related crime from 215 to 248 offences, representing a 15% increase.
- Ranks 25th nationally for knife related crime with a rate per 1000 population of 0.43.
- Sits in the middle of the Most Similar Group (MSG) of forces for knife related crime.

North Warwickshire

- A total of 152 knife related crimes, representing a 9% increase.
- A knife was used in 73% of North Warwickshire knife related crimes.
- Acquisitive crime accounted for 39% of knife related crime.
- The greatest concentration of knife related crime was in Nuneaton.

South Warwickshire

- A total of 97 knife related crimes, representing a 26% increase.
- A knife was used in 60% of South Warwickshire knife related crimes.
- Acquisitive crime accounted for 38% of knife related crime.
- The greatest concentration of knife related crime was in Leamington Spa.

6. Restorative Justice (RJ).

A report on RJ prepared by Ms Zeynab Gamielien, as the OPCC Development and Policy Lead - Criminal Justice, is at **Agenda Item 8.**

7. Road Safety.

A report on Road Safety prepared by Mr Chris Lewis, as the OPCC Development and Policy Lead - Victims and Road Safety, is at **Agenda Item 9.**

8. OPCC Staffing.

On the 4th June 2018 Emma Alaball was appointed as my Personal Assistant, replacing Cheryl Goode who left the OPCC in December 2017. This will allow Katie Baker, who has been performing this role, to concentrate on the Office Management function. It anticipated that this arrangement will assist in improving the efficiency and efficacy of the OPCC.

9. Summary of Activity.

The list is not exhaustive, but I have attended the following public meetings and events: -

- Avon Valley School Visit - 19/3
- Seminar for Volunteers and Specials - 22/3

- Sikh Council Meeting - 27/3
- Nuneaton Justice Centre Visit - 13/4
- Southam Town Council Meeting - 16/4
- Stratford Citizens Academy - 18/4
- Cyber Security Event Stratford - 19/4
- Leamington Spa Rotary Meeting - 24/4
- NFU Farmers Meeting - 25/4
- Game Safe Warwickshire Event - 26/4
- Presentation Safer Internet Day - 27/4
- Milverton School Assembly St Benedicts - 27/4
- Tysoe Annual Parish Meeting - 30/4
- Photo with Victim Support RE RJ Awards - 08/5
- Arden Forest Primary School - 08/5
- Call to Active Citizenship Graduation Event - 08/5
- Warmington AGM - 16/5
- Student Officer Course - 21/5
- Long Compton Parish Council - 23/5
- Polesworth Parish Council - 24/5
- Annual Wool Fair - 28/5
- Northern ICV Panel Meeting - 29/5
- APCC Fire & Rescue, London - 05/6
- Southerm ICV Panel Meeting - 07/6.
- Shipston Rotary Club - 11/6
- Warwick Community Forum - 13/6
- Grant Commissioning Training Event - 20/6
- Continued to meet the Chief Constable in private on a weekly basis to hold him to account

10. Formal Decisions of the PCC

I have made the following decisions since the last report to the P&CP on the 19th March 2018: -

- WPCC20042 - New Occupational Leases – Leamington Spa and Nuneaton Justice Centres
- WPCC20043 - Treasury Management Strategy 2018-18
- WPCC20044 - Athena Express

A copy of the non-exempt completed decision forms are published on the OPCC website together with any relevant documents. <https://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/your-pcc/decision-making>

11. Appendices

- **Appendix A** - Warwickshire Police Performance Summary Q4 2017/18.
- **Appendix B** - Warwickshire Police Q4 Performance – Holding to Account