

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL

Report of	POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER
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Subject	LEICESTERSHIRE YOUTH COMMISSION
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Purpose of the Report

1. To present details of the work of the Leicestershire Youth Commission.

Recommendation

2. The Police and Crime Panel are asked to note the contents of this report.

Background

3. Sir Clive Loader was the first Commissioner to pilot the Youth Commission (YC) project in 2013.
4. The Youth Commission was put in place to support young people's voices being heard on policing and crime issues.
5. The project was initially undertaken in partnership with SHM Foundation.
6. In January 2015, the OPCC Head of Policy and Strategy became the strategic lead for the Commission's work. Youth Communications and Engagement with the YC is supported by Leicestershire Police Communications and Engagement Officer.

Youth Commission Objectives

7. The following are the objectives of the Leicestershire Youth Commission:
 - Support, challenge and inform the work of the PCC and police.
 - Provide a platform for young people to talk about crime issues and solutions with their peers.
 - Support young people in being part of the solution to crime issues that matter to them.

- Improve the relationship between young people and the police.

National Picture

8. Leicestershire Youth Commission is viewed as leading the way in this area. The Youth Commission model is often referred to as the 'Leicestershire Model'.
9. There are now six Youth Commissions on Policing and Crime across the country.
10. Nationally there have been approximately 11,000 consultations with young people through YC workshops.

Leicestershire Youth Commission Recruitment

11. Youth Commission members are recruited from across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR). They are recruited through a selection process that supports diverse representation in the group including those with a criminal justice history.
12. In the 2015-2016 recruitment campaign 72 applications were received. This unprecedented number was accredited to a focussed communication campaign including, social media, contact with youth voice projects across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and radio interviews.
13. A vetting process forms part of the recruitment process to ensure that appropriate safeguards are put in to place.
14. Youth Commission members are provided training to support them working with their peers to undertake workshops on the priority areas. The most recent cohort has received safeguarding, presentation and facilitation training.
15. Members who have stayed on for over a year have an opportunity to become a 'Youth Commission' mentor. The mentors provide support and guidance to the newer members.

Leicestershire Priority Areas

15. The YC members meet and discuss the priority areas in the first two sessions.
16. Each YC priority area has a Leicestershire Police SPOC who provides the YC group with specialist advice on the area they are working on.
17. The table below shows the priorities set by YC members for the last 3 years.

2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Reducing Offending and Re-offending among Young People	Cyber-bullying and Social media	Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing from Home
The Relationship between Young People and the Police	Domestic Abuse	Domestic Abuse
Anti-Social Behaviour	Respect and	Hate Crime and Radicalisation

	Communication between Young People and the Police	
Hate Crime and Cyber-Bullying	Drug and Alcohol Abuse	Legal Highs
Knife Crime	Reducing Offending and Re-Offending	Police and Community Relations
Drug and Alcohol Abuse	Missing from Home and Child Sexual Exploitation	Youth Violence inc Knife Crime

The 'Big Conversation' Events

18. 'Big Conversation' events are where the Youth Commission members speak to their peers about the priority areas. The events are structured so that the issues and the solutions to one specific priority area can be discussed in depth.
19. The 'Big Conversation' workshops take place in schools, colleges, universities and also with harder to reach groups such as specialist education projects, young offenders institutes and bespoke councils such as the 'Children in Care Council'.
20. 'Big Conversation' events also take place at informal events across LLR. These include Leicester Caribbean Carnival and 'The Download Festival'.
21. Unique Leicestershire Youth Commission branding has been developed with the Commission and 'give-ways' in the form of YC notepads and water bottles are distributed at 'Big Conversation' events.

The 'Youth Survey'

22. To increase the reach and accessibility of the Youth Commission a 'Youth Survey' has been designed. The survey covers the six YC priority areas.
23. This will be circulated for completion by young people and supported by a month long communications campaign.
24. The 'Youth Survey' is also completed at the events so that views on all six priority areas can be considered.
25. The findings of the 'Big Conversation' events and the 'Youth Survey' will be collated and analysed and the recommendations will be presented at the Youth Commission annual conference.

The Youth Police Advisory Group (YPAG)

26. Youth Commission members attend the YPAG meeting quarterly; this is chaired by the Chief Inspector with responsibility for the Youth Portfolio. Two members represent the views of YPAG at the Police Advisory Group for Equality (PAGE) chaired at ACC level by ACC Phil Kay.
27. The advice provided by YPAG is defined as guidance, personal insight or constructive challenge, given by young people on current matters, reflecting their individual perspective from the point of view of a member of the community.

28. Advice provided is independent of the police service, and carries no responsibility or liability for the outcome of decisions based upon it. YPAG exists with the aim of being genuine partners in delivering service improvement and building positive relationships between Leicestershire Police and young people.

Support to other Youth Voice Projects

29. Youth Commission members support other youth voice projects for example the East Midlands Regional 'Prevent' Youth Consultation Panel.
30. The Youth Commission have provided feedback to the Home Office on an interactive 'Stop and Search' mapping tool.

The Annual Youth Commission Conference

31. The findings and recommendations from the Youth Commission's work are presented at The Youth Commission Annual Conference.
32. Police, partners and young people attend to hear and discuss findings and shape the final recommendations.

Leicestershire Youth Commission Results

33. Approximately 3600 young people in LLR have been engaged with through YC workshops.
34. There is anticipated to be an increase in consultation with young people by using the 'Big Conversation' Survey (being rolled out March 2016) to support the 'Big Conversation' events.
35. There is an increase in engagement with young people as there are 'Virtual Youth Commission' members. Virtual YC members are sent consultations and are asked for input by email or phone but don't physically attend events.
36. Recommendations made by the YC have resulted in various policy changes and initiatives that improve policing. These are shown in the table below:

Priority Area	Recommendation	Update
Reducing Offending and Re-offending	Reformed Character Qualification	- Nationally recognised NVQ produced - Run by Glen Parva Young Offenders Institute - Three Young Offenders fitted criteria - Two completed NVQ - Two went on to enter full time employment
		- '4 As' Accreditation being developed from feedback from offenders. - 4 As – Ability, Attitude, Attendance and Achievement.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PCC and Leicestershire Police Accreditation - In development with Glen Parva Young Offenders Institute based on lessons learned
Relationship with the Police	Young people deliver training to Neighbourhood Policing Officers	- Youth Commission members now deliver training to Neighbourhood Policing Officers on a quarterly basis.
	Young people review Stop and Search training	
	Young people to review Stop and Search Body Cam footage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First 'Stop and Search Reference Group' 11/02/16. - Review of Body Cam footage added to Group Terms of Reference. - Body Cam footage will be reviewed at meeting on 14-04-16 and thereafter
Child Sexual Exploitation	Repository of information on what happens when you report CSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Film production in progress showing what happens and what support is provided if a CSE crime is reported. Funded by Strategic Partnership Development Fund (SPDF)
	YC member to sit on LCSB CSE, Missing From Home and Trafficking Sub Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YC member sat on Board. - YC members to review group's delivery plans. - Working together with the Chair of the Group on the best ways for the YC to be involved in the work of the Boards.
Cyber-crime and bullying	PCC lobbies government for increased prominence of cyber reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter written to each PCC, HASC and local MPs for support. - Funding provided in the SPDF CSE bid for social media work.
Domestic Abuse	Repository of information on what happens when you report Domestic Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendation agreed. - Film as per CSE recommendation - idea being developed. - Funding yet to be secured - Head of Policy and Strategy to attend DA Delivery Group Meeting to

		discuss options.
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Implications

Financial –	The Youth Commission is funded via the Commissioning Framework
Legal -	There are no legal implications identified.
Equality - Impact Assessment	There are no equality issues identified.
Risks and -Impact Link to Police and Crime Plan	There are no risks identified. Linked to strategic priorities 1 to 17

List of Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

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