

## **LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD**

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### **LSCSB UPDATE: OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

#### **Background**

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) through its office (OPCC) has a range of responsibilities including the following:

Overall responsibility for “the totality of policing”, which includes:

- Providing strategic direction for the work of the police in consultation with the public;
  - Developing and delivering a Police and Crime Plan, through which to provide the strategic direction;
  - Holding the police accountable to the public for their efficiency and effectiveness;
  - Holding and setting the police budget and overseeing the whole estate;
  - Commissioning a range of services, including victim services;
  - Funding services and responsibilities, including community safety partnerships;
  - Providing some oversight and direction for the criminal justice system as whole.
2. The final element stated above is probably less well developed than the others, reflecting the complexity of the criminal justice system, but this is a very clear ambition of the current PCC.
  3. On top of this, in order to deliver the Police and Crime Plan, the PCC needs to influence a range of services that have an impact on crime and other harmful behaviours. These services include health, drug and alcohol treatment, employment services and many others. There is a particular focus in the current Police and Crime Plan on the long term prevention of harmful behaviours, and this is most specifically seen in the recent development of the Violence Reduction Network.
  4. In order to achieve the wide ranging and long term elements of the Police and Crime Plan the PCC provides the leadership for the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB) within LLR and for the East Midlands Criminal Justice Board.

## **Notable developments and challenges:**

### **Past Year**

5. Key developments over the past year have included:
- The establishment of a Violence Reduction Network for the whole of LLR;
  - The reconfiguration and management of the Strategic Partnership Board and related sub-groups, particularly the development of a Prevention Board and the establishment of People Zones across the area;
  - The development of the East Midlands Criminal Justice Board;
  - Aligning developments with the work of community safety partnerships, including governance arrangements that link the work of SPB with CSPs;
  - The development of a commissioning strategy and undertaking new commissioning initiatives in collaboration with partners, particularly in areas such as domestic and sexual abuse services;
  - The establishment of a forum for the development of a long term strategy on mental health;
  - The development of a project for enhancing employment opportunities for ex-offenders;
  - The maintenance of a programme of community engagement across the area;
  - The stimulation of community led initiatives across the area via the PCC Prevention Fund;
  - The delivery of a campaign on modern slavery;
  - Supporting the development of a revised operating model within the police;
  - Work closely with the Ministry of Justice to establish a revised model and local oversight for delivering probation services and other services commissioned on a national basis.

### **Coming Year**

6. The principle aim of the Office during the coming year is to embed the approach to the long term prevention of harmful behaviours across the area, working closely with partners in criminal justice, health, local authorities, including public health and others. This includes the further development of the Violence Reduction Network, People Zones and new initiatives particularly focussing on local communities. Alongside this the PCC aims to enhance its collaborative working with partners, particularly community safety partnerships and other inter-agency collaborative forms of working.
7. The other main area of development is to enhance the level of community engagement, including engagement with young people and particular groups

across the area.

### **Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners**

8. Most of the work of the OPCC aligns with community safety partnerships (CSPs) and therefore it is important to ensure our agendas are linked and regularly shared. For instance there is clearly a CSP role in relation to the work of the Violence Reduction Network and we are establishing a series of forums to explore this further. We have had similar discussions in relation to the work of SPB and the development of People Zones.

### **Issues in local areas**

9. These will be explored more fully via the bi-annual CSP/OPCC session which is due shortly and via the CSP forums to align with the development work in the Violence Reduction Network

### **Recommendations for the Board**

10. The Board is asked to note this report.

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