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Police and Crime Panel for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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Commissioners Update

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Purpose of Report

1. In his role as the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) the Commissioner is required to secure efficient and effective policing for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, establish a Police and Crime Plan and deliver such a plan and bring together community and criminal justice partners to make sure local priorities are joined up.
2. The PCC brings this report to outline for the Police and Crime Panel how he is fulfilling his duty through his work or the work of the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and office throughout October and November.

Request of the Panel

3. In their role to scrutinise the PCC, the Commissioner requests that the panel examines the contents of this report. He would specifically like to ask the panel their opinion on the following questions;
 - a. Is the Panel content in the work update provided by the PCC?
 - b. Would the panel like to make any recommendations to the PCC in relation to any of the work outlined within the report?

Summary

4. The PCC has taken a consistent approach to enable him to ensure that the thoughts of communities across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are taken into consideration in his work and also to triangulate the information provided to him from within the Force. The PCC and the DPCC undertake regular community visits, patchwalks, public meetings, consultations and roundtables to ensure that the community, elected officials and others have the opportunity to feed in their views on performance and priorities.
5. These views and feedback are fed into the internal governance system and planning meetings to ensure that:
 - a. The Police and Crime Plan continues to reflect the priorities of the communities and
 - b. The PCC/DPCC is able to constructively feed opinions into their discussions with the Chief Constable.

Background, Relevant Data and Trends

6. Over the past two months the PCC has been on various engagement events which includes his regular community Thursdays which has seen him visit; Leicester, Wigston, Melton and Loughborough for example. The PCC has also commenced a series of patch walks which include the local councillors and beat officer discussing crime and policing matters in the local areas. Patch walks

have taken place with either the PCC or Deputy PCC in the following wards; Aylestone and Eyres Monsell, Abbey and Beaumont leys and the Rushey mead wards). The PCC has also called facilitated an urgent public meeting in Kegworth to discussion community concerns with local residents regarding unsafe driving practices.

7. Following the results of the large scale public consultation exercise undertaken by the PCC earlier in the year, the PCC has been taking part in targeted engagement towards young people; as such the PCC has attended a number of local youth groups to discuss the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner and police. He has also attended a pupil-led event at New College, Leicester in which Year 11 pupils had created a short video around Policing, perceptions of crime and understanding potential barriers to reporting crimes.
8. The PCC has started offering public meetings in each of the districts and has held two over the past two months at Whitwick and Charnwood. These public meetings provide the public a valuable opportunity to directly engage with the PCC and Chief Constable to ask questions and raise matters of concern. This programme of public meetings will continue in the new year with venues in the city.
9. The DPCC has a portfolio area of championing the response to business crime; in relation to this portfolio area over the past two months the DPCC has attended various stakeholder meetings to scope and understand the issues surrounding the subject. This includes a national economic crime briefing and a FED meeting. The DPCC has also started hosting a number of business crime round tables with local business owners and partners to heard feedback and concerns around the policing in this area. The DPCC has also had a meeting to discuss the progress and future of the DISC system – which is an information sharing app which empowers business owners to share information about incidents and offenders between themselves so they can better protect themselves against crime and keep their property, employees and customers safe.
10. The PCC tasked the DPCC with harnessing and supporting a partnership approach to tackling community safety, as such the DPCC sits on a number of partnership boards to influence and monitor progress in the partnership arena; over the past two months this has included the Health and Wellbeing board, the NPCC partnership summit, APCC General meeting and the Strategic Partnership Executive board meeting.
11. The DPCC is also the lead for Violence against women and girls and in the past period the DPCC hosted a relaunch event of the Women and Girls in and at risk of the Criminal Justice System across LLR. The launch event is to bring together to ensure the work that all partner agencies are undertaking is aligned

to ensure the maximum impact. The session provided the different agencies an opportunity to update on the work in their areas and discuss and agree on a way forward. The DPCC also attended an APCC working group also discussing the matter of women in the criminal justice system.

12. On the 20th November the DPCC launched the International Restorative Justice Week. The DPCC gave a speech on the benefits of a Restorative Justice approach and the positive impact that can have on both communities and offenders. Off the back of this work the DPCC intends to run a discussion session with the Chief Constable on how this approach could be used more in LLR.
13. The OPCCs managed ICV scheme has been nationally recognised by the ICVA (Independent custody visiting association) QAF (quality assurance framework). The scheme sees trained volunteers from the local community, known as Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs), make regular unannounced visits to police custody suites to check on the rights, entitlements, well-being, and dignity of the detainees held there. Their findings are reported to the Police and Crime Commissioner, who holds the Chief Constable to account. The Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) - the national membership organisation that supports, leads and represents these schemes - has developed a quality assurance framework to assess how well schemes comply with the Code of Practice that governs custody visiting. The Leicestershire Scheme was presented with a platinum Quality Assurance Award by the ICVA on Wednesday, November 29. The scheme is one of only 6 in the country to be awarded the platinum award in the country.
14. The Office continue to achieve 100% of scheduled ICV Visits. No serious issues have been observed within these visits. The recruitment to strengthen the number of volunteers available for custody visits has just concluded and interviews will be taking place before Christmas. The new recruits will then undergo a comprehensive training programme to become operational.
15. The team are currently working on recommissioning one of the OPCCs largest contracts for Victim First the tender process has just concluded and the successful provider can now be announced as Catch 22.
16. As the panel will be aware the team worked on 3 Safer Streets bids in August, the OPCC received notification that the full funding amount £960,591.34 was to be awarded over both funding years.
17. The team are currently mobilising the bids and ensuring all relevant financial agreements are in place. The details of the different interventions within each bids are below;

- a. Proposal 1 – VAWG - £315,568 – bid interventions include; a coproduction event with children and young people across LLR, development of a range of age appropriate resources, a bystander programme, a community partnership scheme and a behaviour change campaign.
 - b. Proposal 2 – ASB – Melton - £313,967.89 – bid interventions include; an intervention providing bespoke package of weekly sessions for adults and young people to provide educational supportive tools to increase the awareness of ASB and de-escalation techniques, target hardening of over 100 homes, CCTV including fly tipping cameras, a redeploy able help point drone camera, practitioner training for ASB legislation and a targeted educational outreach programme for young people and increased lighting in ASB hotspots.
 - c. Proposal 3 – Neighbourhood Crime – Oadby and Wigston - £331,055.45 – bid interventions include; a neighbourhood crime campaign, target hardening of approx. 400 properties, redeploy able cctv, fixed cctv and anti-burglary cocooning packs for repeat/vulnerable victims.
18. As part of the bid two fixed term posts were also included to support the delivery of the bids, a Project Officer to manage the required returns and ensure delivery against the timelines. A VAWG lead has also been appointed to manage and progress the interventions relating to the VAWG bid. Both of these posts have been successfully recruited to and both candidates are currently undergoing vetting.
19. The PCC hopes that the Police and Crime Panel can see how the highlights described above are bringing benefits to the residents of LLR, ensuring that their voice is heard within the Force and driving forward activity to drive down and prevent crime and support victims.

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