

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL - 17 JULY 2015

PCC'S ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

At its meeting on Friday 17 July, the Police and Crime Panel considered the Commissioner's Annual Report 2014/15. The Panel agreed that the minute of the meeting on this item would serve as the Panel's report and recommendation on the Annual Report.

The Minute of the discussion on this item is set out below:

The Panel considered a report of the Police and Crime Commissioner concerning his Annual Report covering the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015. A copy of the report, marked "Agenda Item 5", is filed with these minutes.

Arising from discussion of the Annual Report, the following comments were noted:

- Arising from comments made by the Chairman at a meeting with officers of the OPCC, content had now been included to take account of the lessons learned following the Judicial Review action taken by the PCC over the "New Lubbesthorpe" development, which had been discussed in detail at the Panel's meeting on 14 July 2014;
- The document was praised for its ease of reading and its focus around the partnership work the PCC had been engaged in during the past year;
- It was felt that the Annual Report would benefit from a little more detail in regard to crime reductions as a result of action taken by the PCC;
- A request was made for further detail on the national comparative context of the PCC's work in respect of drug and alcohol treatment completions. The Commissioner indicated that he would provide some clarity on this issue to the Panel after the meeting;
- It was felt that more could be done to engage those communities whose primary language was not English. This point was raised primarily in relation to drug and alcohol work, though it was felt that it would benefit all areas of the Force's work;
- The Youth Commission was now in its third year of recruitment and was considered to be well represented in respect of some of the protected characteristics of the Equality Duty. The recruitment process had been wide and had attempted to engage all groups via a number of different publicity channels. 27 members had thus far been recruited and would have their first event on 25 July;
- There was a request for further detail about how the PCC communicated and engaged with partners. Though it was acknowledged that this was not covered in detail in the Annual Report, the Commissioner indicated that he was happy for members of the Panel to be provided with clarity on the structure and working arrangements for the Strategic Partnership Board, which would hopefully show how the PCC engaged at a strategic level with all partners;

- The new policing model which had launched in February of this year was consistent with the strategic priorities of the Police and Crime Plan. There had been some teething issues in respect of demand management and investigative processes which still required improvement. An update on the new model's effectiveness and sustainability would be reported to the Panel's meeting in September;
- There was praise for the Police's work in respect of honour killing, forced marriage and hate crime;
- The 2.7% crime reduction in respect of Strategic Priority 11 ("a significant reduction in all crime") was commended. It was felt that the data in support of this reduction was robust as it had been verified by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary as being around 90% accurate.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the PCC's Annual Report be approved, subject to the comments made by the Panel;
- (b) That the comments made by the Panel (as set out above) form a report to be submitted to the Commissioner for his information;
- (c) That the PCC and the Force be congratulated for the 2.7% reduction in all crime.