

Report to the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel

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Attached as an Appendix is the report of Frontline Consulting on the National Police and Crime Panel Conference.

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Members may also wish to join the social network for Panels at the following link:-

www.pcps-direct.net.

Recommendation

Members are asked to agree that the Panel pays a fee of £500 per year to join the regional PCP network run by Frontline Consulting Services.

Policy Planning and Performance Meeting

This was held on 18 January 2016 and a large part of the meeting related to the budget, and revenue and capital monitoring. Also included in the agenda were:-

HMIC Reports – These reports did not focus on Thames Valley specifically but a TVP response to the national reports is included in the agenda (link below)

<https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmic/publications/working-in-step-a-joint-inspection-of-local-criminal-justice-partnerships/>

<https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmic/publications/targeting-the-risk/> (firearms licensing)

Linked article on increase in gun crime in Birmingham

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-35242140>

Another HMIC Report which has been published (dated December 2015) on honour based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation but was not discussed as part of this agenda is attached for information:-

<https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmic/news/news-feed/every-police-force-must-improve-its-understanding-of-hbv/>

Decisions under the Scheme of Governance

<http://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/Transparency/PCC-Decision-Making.aspx>

A copy of the agenda can be found by clicking on the link below

<http://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/Transparency/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

Police Funding

Article (19 Jan) entitled Police set for era of fundamental change

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-35341460>

Funding formula

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/police-funding/>

Article following funding settlement in December

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/georgeosborne/12057290/George-Osborne-accused-of-shameful-U-turn-after-police-grants-slashed.html>

Herts PCC asked for lower budget

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-35206617>

Use of volunteers to help fight cyber-crime

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/12108994/Volunteers-to-be-handed-police-style-powers-in-war-on-cyber-crime.html>

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/492209/20160120_Powers_Consultation_Response_Final_.pdf

Police counters

Thames Valley Press Release

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/newsevents/newsevents-pressreleases/newsevents-pressreleases-item.htm?id=326266>

BBC News

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-35154541>

Oxford Mail

http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/14158999.UPDATED_Police_counter_closures_across_Oxfordshire_announced/

Police targets review

The Home Secretary has published a review of the use of local targets in policing, aiming to understand the extent to which targets and their associated behaviours persist. As part of the review feedback was gathered from all 43 forces. The review also included a focus group with Police and Crime Commissioners, a review of police and crime plans and an online survey which received more than 6,000 responses. The review found that whilst most forces have generally moved away from the use of hard numeric targets, target setting appears to be not uncommon at sub-force level by those in supervisory roles. The review makes recommendations which include chief constables should improve their performance measurement, monitoring and reporting processes and Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) should develop a more sophisticated dialogue with the public on what they consider 'success' to look like.

The review can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/police-targets-review-published>

Fire Service Collaboration

Home Office takes control of fire and rescue services

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-35239020>

Comments against fire service collaboration

<http://www.theguardian.com/public-leaders-network/2015/nov/02/plans-merge-fire-police-services-scrutiny>

Campaigns

<https://www.police.uk/news/home-office-launches-campaign-raise-awareness-101-police-number/>

<https://www.police.uk/news/be-cyber-streetwise-and-think-random-create-strong-passwords/>

https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/da/130715/Cyber_Crime_Survey_-_please_help_.html

New Offence for Domestic Violence

<https://www.police.uk/news/new-measure-better-protect-victims-domestic-abuse/>