

GWENT POLICE AUTHORITY
STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Date: 5th November 2009

Item No: 4c

Heading: Member Report

Report Author: Chief Executive

SUMMARY

To receive details of visits made/meetings attended by Members and any actions arising from those visits/meetings.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee notes the visits made / meetings attended and the action taken / to be taken.

1. BACKGROUND

The following reports have been received:

1.1 Councillor C Mann 7th September 2009 Force Performance Meeting

- Actions from last meeting – 999 response has improved. Gwent showing as 43rd in ASB – why? Rise in crime rates in Caerffili and Blaenau Gwent.
- The meeting then went through a series of slides on various topics.
- Confidence and satisfaction – 999 response is lower than this time last year. There is a greater volume of incoming calls (7%). There is a staffing issue with 4 staff leaving to be PCSOs. Need identified for pre-shift briefing time. Quality is high.
- Anti social behaviour – Gwent near bottom of 4 most similar forces (MSF) – is there a recording issue? A fact finding visit is being arranged to Humberside to seek good practice.
- Criminal Damage – near bottom of (MSF) and needs improvement.
- All Crime – this is rising at present, including burglary but problem profile suggest this is partly down to economic situation.

- Vehicle crime – Gwent at lower end of performance table and incidents are rising in Caerffili County Borough Council – action being taken.
- Criminal damage – the biggest percentage of all crimes – response teams are being considered to tackle this.
- Protection from Serious Harm - Robbery is rising overall, believed to be drug connected. There is also the issue of the effect of robbery on youngsters when bikes, mobile phones, etc are taken.
- Burglary – There was a feeling that sentencing policies were not helping – one offender had committed 68 crimes before a prison sentence was passed.
- Most serious violence – a rise in the last month was felt to alcohol fuelled. Initiatives, such as plastic glasses in Newport have significantly reduced injury. On a station by station analysis, incidents have trebled in some stations. Drugs were also seen to be a driver in this category.

1.2 Councillor C Mann and the Chief Executive 9th September 2009 Strategic Planning Group (SPG) Meeting

- The web based version of the Local Policing plan for 2010 will be on the web immediately.
- We agreed the planning timetable for production of the 2010/2013 Local Policing Plan. The draft priorities will come to the Strategic Planning and Performance Committee (SPPC) on 5th November. Thereafter the detailed discussion on targets will take place at the Police Authority Development Day on 20th November 2009. Need to ensure links to the Local Criminal Justice Board.
- Discussion took place regarding the Force Strategic Assessment and it was confirmed that this would need to come to the next meeting of SPG on 13th October. (Probably go to the Senior Management Team in Force in September).
- Strategic leads for the documents/materials were agreed.
- Annual report will be presented to the Gwent Police Authority on 2nd October. There will either be a short report and/or a DVD.
- The intention will be that the Local Policing Plan is presented to Strategic Planning and Performance Committee in early January with draft sign off in March (issue date). Final publication will be in May once the 12 month out turn figures have been provided.

- Policing summaries will be ready for distribution in May 2010. If possible the Force will use PSCOs, PCs, volunteers and cadets to deliver.

1.3 Mr R Leadbeter 24th September 2009 Qlikview Training

After I responded to the Chief Executive's letter of 8th September 2009, arrangements were made for me to receive training, which was given by Superintendent Colin Jones and Mr. Paul Evans, Senior IS Operator, Information Services. I found this very useful in learning how to use Qlikview, the scope of the information available and future developments. I would recommend this to other members.

1.4 The Chief Executive 14th October 2009 Force Performance Meeting

- All actions from the last meeting were considered.
- Noted crime trends in Gwent up on last year.
- User satisfaction – agreed the need to look at the detail in the surveys to see why satisfaction is falling in some areas. What are peoples' expectations? Racial incidents – very small sample so percentage swings are high.
- 999 calls data – huge improvement – teams now have additional focus with display screens, some changes in shifts.
- Briefly discussed the control strategy marketing strategy for internal use.
- Anti social behaviour incidents are reducing but trend is still up, discussed hot spot strategy and whether there should be at least one in each LPU – will be considered next meeting. Force level 1 Tasking working well.
- Increases in anti social behaviour are paralleled in criminal damage. The increase in overall crime requires a step change in terms of action which will be monitored via performance and Chief Superintendent meetings.
- Detection rates need to improve as the low figures will impact on confidence in the community. Arrest rates are high so need to analyse why there is a drop in detections.
- Overall focus of meeting was positive.

2. PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE/CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the issues raised and any actions required to address those issues.

3. STAFFING/PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are none arising directly from the content of this report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are none arising directly from the content of this report.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 There has been no consultation on the content of this report.

6. PROJECT ASSESSMENT FOR EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY MATTERS

6.1 This project/proposal has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Police Authority's Single Equality Scheme, and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT

7.1 Member reports which identify risks, will be reported to the appropriate Committee of the Authority.

8. STAYING AHEAD (2011 REVIEW)

8.1 We have considered the implications of the 2011 project in the production of this report and there are no issues we want to raise in this report at this particular time.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 Member reports which identify follow up / further action, will be reported to the appropriate Committee of the Authority.

10. CONTACT OFFICER

10.1 Committee and Member Services Officer

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 There are no background papers relating to this report.

12. APPENDICES

12.1 There are no appendices to this report.