

GWENT POLICE AUTHORITY

Strategic Planning and Performance Committee

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Heading: Local Policing Plan - Draft Priorities

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee with the current progress in developing strategic priorities for the Local Policing Plan (LPP) 2010/11.

Once agreed by Chief Officers and the Police Authority, further work will then be undertaken within the Force and the Police Authority to identify and set targets or performance indicators for inclusion in the Plan.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

For consideration by Members of the Committee in their role of scrutiny of the joint planning process.

BACKGROUND

1.1 The joint process for developing the Local Policing Plan is overseen by the Strategic Planning Group. Legislation requires that the Local Policing Plan is "issued" by the Police Authority by 31st March in every given year. In practice, the Local Policing Plan will need to be presented to the Full Authority on 19th February 2010.

1.2 Drivers

The identification of priorities has been conducted following consideration of a number of strategic drivers, including:

- Community and stakeholder consultation;
- Partnership consultation
- The Vision of the Chief Constable and the Police Authority
- The Home Secretary's Strategic Objectives
- The Strategic Assessment and Review of the Control Strategy
- The development of the HMIC Rounded Assessment

1.3 Gwent Police and the Police Authority have undertaken wide-ranging engagement and consultation to inform the development of the Plan. This engagement includes:

- Neighbourhood Engagement
- Public Surveys
- All Wales (JESG) Survey
- HMIC MORI Consultation (Rounded Assessment)
- Victim Satisfaction Surveys
- LISTEN Quality Checks

1.4 Home Secretary's Strategic Policing priorities

The Home Secretary's Strategic Priorities have been circulated in draft, and are as follows:

To:

- Continue to increase public confidence and empowerment so that by March 2012, 60% of the public (Gwent 57%) agree that the police and local council are dealing with the anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter in their local communities.
- Reduce and prevent crime and anti-social behaviour and help tackle the problems caused by drug and alcohol misuse, in line with PSAs 23 and 25, and in a coordinated approach with other CJS partners deliver an effective criminal justice response in line with PSA 24.
- Work jointly with police forces and other agencies, such as SOCA and UKBA, to ensure that the capability and capacity exists across England and Wales to deliver effective protective services, including tackling serious and organised crime.
- Work with and through partners and local communities to tackle terrorism and violent extremism in line with the counter terrorism strategy (CONTEST) and PSA 26.
- Work in all of the above, in line with the Efficiency and Productivity Strategy for the Police Service, to ensure the best use of resources to deliver: significant cashable improvements; more effective leadership, organisation and development of the workforce; and to realise benefits of new technology. Value for money must be central to the strategic vision for improving policing and chief officers and senior leaders should be visibly associated with this organisational priority within the service.

1.5 The HMIC Rounded Assessment

The four "Domains" of the HMIC Rounded Assessment are:

- Local Crime and Policing
- Protection from Serious Harm
- Value for Money and Productivity
- Confidence and Satisfaction

PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE/CURRENT POSITION

2.1 The Main Aim of the Local Policing Plan

The main aim of Gwent Police Authority, as stated in the current LPP, is “To increase the level of public confidence in the policing service provided by Gwent Police.”

It is recommended that this is retained as the main aim of the LPP 2010/11.

2.2 Structure of the Local Policing Plan

The 2009/10 LPP used the main themes of customer service as a structure.

It is recommended that the HMIC Rounded Assessment Domains provide an even more suitable framework for the LPP, and should be adopted.

2.3 Draft Strategic Priorities

It is recommended that the draft strategic priorities outlined below form the basis for the development of the LPP 2010/11:

Local Crime & Policing:

- To continue to improve our neighbourhood policing service
- To minimise the impact of crime on individuals and communities
- To minimise the impact of anti-social behaviour on individuals and communities

Protection from Serious Harm:

- To work collaboratively through PAW to deliver effective protective services
- To continue to work to prevent people engaging in or supporting terrorism or violent extremism through PREVENT
- To further reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in road collisions
- To work with our LCJB partners to further improve the proportion of offences brought to justice for serious violence and sexual offences

Value for Money & Productivity:

- To implement an improved business support service model that supports front line delivery as efficiently and cost effectively as possible
- To further improve our effectiveness through:
 - Mobile data
 - Estate strategy
 - ICT strategy
 - Lean systems & reduced bureaucracy
 - Improving criminal justice performance

Confidence & Satisfaction:

- To continue to raise public confidence
- To further improve how well we achieve our aims under the Policing Pledge
- To work with NPIA to ensure we meet the Citizen Focus Hallmarks of Success
- To continue to deliver a first class quality of service to victims of crime and anti-social behaviour

STAFFING/PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no specific staffing or personnel implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

CONSULTATION

5.1 This report has been considered by members of the Chief Officer team.

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 Force's Equality Scheme, and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7.1 No additional risks have been identified which have not previously been reported upon.

STAYING AHEAD (2011 REVIEW)

8.1 The matters raised in this report have been considered in the context of the Staying Ahead Project and are not considered to have any direct consequences for the outcomes.

CONCLUSION

9.1 For consideration by Members of the Committee in their role of scrutiny of the joint planning process.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 None.

APPENDICES

12.1 None.