

**COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT
CABINET PANEL****TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 10.00 AM****UPDATE REPORT FROM DAVID LLOYD POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HERTFORDSHIRE****AUTHOR** Roy Wilsher,**1. Purpose of the Report**

To provide a brief update on the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire and the work of the Commissioner's office.

2. Update**New Chief Constable**

Charlie Hall, former Deputy Chief Constable of Norfolk Constabulary, started work as Hertfordshire's new Chief Constable on 3rd October.

Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan for Hertfordshire

It is a legal requirement that a Police and Crime Plan be put in place as soon as practicable after the PCC has taken office. The new plan for Hertfordshire will be called the 'Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan.' It is currently being drafted and will be out for consultation to partners, the public and victims of crime between 28th November 2016 and 9th January 2017. Details will be available here: <http://www.hertscommissioner.org/public-consultation>

Review of Hertfordshire's Criminal Justice Board

One of the key priorities for the PCC during his second term is to lead on a series of reforms that aims to put the interests of victims and witnesses at the heart of the Criminal Justice System in Hertfordshire. PCC Lloyd commissioned a review into the efficiency and effectiveness of Hertfordshire's Criminal Justice Board and will be publishing the findings and recommendations for change in November 2016.

Road Safety Fund

The PCC continues to seek opportunities to use the revenue paid for by offenders, to fund road safety initiatives across the county that help to change motorists' perceptions and behaviour. In the first funding round (April 2016) 19 applications were successful in supporting a range of educational projects, vehicle activated signs and feasibility surveys. Following the success of the first round, the PCC anticipates opening a second round for applications on 1st December. More information regarding eligibility and an application form can be found at: www.hertscommissioner.org/road-safety-fund

New Citizens' Crime Prevention Academy modules

Hertfordshire's Citizens' Academy crime prevention site (hertscitizensacademy.org) now features four new courses:

- [Rural Crime](#) is a great resource for professionals and volunteers seeking to inform their rural communities on fly-tipping, heritage crime, wildlife crime and other community safety issues that predominantly affect the countryside.
- [Protecting the Vulnerable](#) is intended to help residents recognise when someone they know may be at risk and where they can go for help if they have suspicions. It includes sections on abuse of adults, CSE, extremism and domestic abuse.
- [Business Crime \(business owners\)](#) looks at the typical threats businesses face from criminals, the steps business owners can take to protect their business and the support businesses can count on from the police and other partners.

Street Triage and support around mental health

Working with HPFT since June, Hertfordshire Constabulary have trialled a Street Triage Vehicle (expanding from one car to two during September), working late shifts to attend incidents where a person is in crisis and may require sectioning under S136 of the Mental Health Act 1983. The whole county is covered by the triage vehicles from 5pm to 2am and from 7pm to 4am.

It has recently been agreed that the service will be expanded even further. One of the cars will be replaced with an unmarked ambulance and have on board a police officer, mental health practitioner and a member of ambulance staff. Until now a mental health practitioner has co-responded with a police officer. The addition of ambulance staff, and the move to convey people in crisis in a suitable vehicle, provides a better response to the public; and reduces police waiting times that currently depend on an ambulance to move individuals to a place of safety.

New Fly tipping fund

The PCC has made £60,000 available to the Herts Waste Partnership, in order to support the development of new initiatives organised through the Fly Tipping Group (FTG). Funding will only be available to members of the FTG, including:

- Environment Agency
- all ten District / Borough Councils
- Hertfordshire County Council
- Hertfordshire Constabulary
- Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service

- Community Safety Partnerships
- M25 Connect
- National Farmers Union.

Key points of the fund:

- the total amount of PCC grant is £60,000 for 2016/17
- all funding granted under this process must be spent by 31 March 2017
- deadline for bid submissions will be 5pm on Friday, 18th November 2016
- projects will be funded to a maximum of 75% of the total project cost as detailed in the selection criteria - bids will need to confirm how the remaining 25% is to be funded
- bids will be evaluated by a sub group of FTG members – details to be confirmed
- It is anticipated that final decisions will be made by mid-December with project roll outs anticipated from early January onwards

Any queries in relation to the fund should be directed to Duncan Jones, Chair of the Fly Tipping Group – duncan.jones@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Missing Children and Young People

The OPCC, in partnership with Hertfordshire County Council's Children Services, has commissioned an independent organisation (Missing People) to deliver a return home interview service for Hertfordshire children and young people under the age of 18. It will provide support for children who go missing from home or care. The contract with Missing People is for an initial period of eighth months until 31 March 2017 at a cost of £139,776 which will be shared between the OPCC and HCC. The aim is to provide vulnerable children and young people with access to an *independent* service that will listen to them and identify further support according to their individual needs; and work alongside existing safeguarding provision for missing and sexually exploited children to ensure that information sharing is effective. This will help to ensure that the right service provision of counselling and victim support is in place, for children who may be victims of sexual abuse and exploitation across the county, and that appropriate pathways are supported. It should also increase the ability for Hertfordshire Constabulary and safeguarding partners to identify potential offenders. On 23 September 2016 the Constabulary's 'absent' category for children was removed in order to ensure that all missing children are properly safeguarded (and treated as a missing person). A full missing report assists and improves the multi-agency response by notifying partners of the circumstances around safeguarding a child.

Community Resolution

A 'community resolution' is an out of court disposal for a crime recorded under the national system, Outcome 8. It can be used with or without Restorative Justice (RJ) depending on whether the victim is a person or the State. It involves Level 1 'street' RJ as soon as there is direct or indirect communication between the victim and the offender about repairing the harm caused. In the right circumstance, it could also involve Level 2 RJ.

In September 2014 Community Remedy was introduced in Hertfordshire as a requirement under the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which sought to give victims a choice, through a 'menu of options', about how their offender is dealt with if the disposal is either a community resolution or a conditional caution. The level of crime relevant for a community remedy approach is low level in terms of seriousness as per the NPCC matrix used for conditional cautions, but not exclusively so. The level of ASB relevant is defined as where a civil injunction or criminal behaviour order would otherwise be applied for. Currently where there is a victim other than the State, the options available in Hertfordshire are:

- the offender must make financial reparation to the victim
- the offender signs an agreement such as an Acceptable Behaviour or Good Neighbour Agreement which can include prohibition from taking part in certain activities or staying away from certain places
- the offender makes a verbal or written apology to the victim
- the offender undertakes a reparative activity.

The fourth option was added on 1st October 2016. The reparative activity should seek to repair the harm done, prevent the offender committing offences in future and be agreed by a police officer as proportionate.

1,700-2,000 frontline officers (SNT and Intervention officers, Specials and PCSOs) have recently been trained in Level 1 'Street RJ' and a further 30 frontline officers have received Level 2 (RJ Conferencing).

Countywide Hate Crime Strategy

Following the publication of the commissioned research on Hate Crime by the University of Leicester in December 2015, in Partnership with the OPCC, Hertfordshire Constabulary and the County Community Safety Unit (CCSU), work will now take place to develop a Countywide Hate Crime Strategy. A full copy of the report can be downloaded here:



Healing the Harms -
Final Report.pdf

Volunteering Strategy

The PCC's volunteering strategy is currently being refreshed for 2016-2020. It is anticipated that the strategy will be signed off by November, and will then be open for public consultation.