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**UPDATE REPORT FROM DAVID LLOYD POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR HERTFORDSHIRE**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide a brief update on the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

2. UPDATE

Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan

The Commissioners new Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan 2017-2022 will be published this week. Thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation which was very well received. There were over 1,900 responses from members of the public, residents associations, community, voluntary and charitable organisations. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) spent one day visiting all ten districts to promote the consultation, and the resulting Engagement Day film reached 33,000 people on Facebook being viewed over 21,500 times. You can find the film here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QU6lJkQ3bFI> The new plan can be found here: <http://www.hertscommissioner.org/police-and-crime-plan-herts-pcc>. It reflects a new emphasis on the PCCs role having greater oversight and accountability of agencies other than the police.

Emergency Services Collaboration

The Policing and Crime Bill sets out a legal duty for PCCs to consider opportunities for collaboration between police, fire and rescue and ambulance services where it would be in the interests of efficiency, effectiveness of public safety. David Lloyd has agreed to become one of the Home Office's early adopters. He has commissioned KPMG to undertake an independent business case to explore taking on responsibility for the governance of Hertfordshire's fire and rescue authority. This would involve setting the budget and priorities for the fire service and bringing about greater democratic accountability to the public for fire and rescue matters across the county.

The PCC is currently consulting with key stakeholders and interested parties over the proposals and a formal and full consultation with the public will start after the Bill receives Royal Assent in January 2017.

Police Precept

The PCC has proposed a rise in the police section of the Council Tax bill for the first time in 6 years, in order to protect local neighbourhood policing. The increase – which is around £5

a year for the average household in Hertfordshire – is necessary following new challenges to the police budget.

A collaborated IT programme which was due to deliver several million pounds worth of savings has been delayed and there was a reduction in Government grant of £1.5 million. Without an increase, savings will need to be found in local policing. In an open letter to Hertfordshire residents, David Lloyd reiterated his commitment to protect local policing. The letter can be found here: <http://www.hertscommissioner.org/fluidcms/files/files/POLICE-PRECEPT-OPEN-LETTER-2017%281%29.pdf>

The Commissioner's proposal to increase the precept will be considered by the Police and Crime Panel in February 2017 following public consultation.

Hertfordshire Community Foundation – PCC grant fund

Hertfordshire Community Foundation (HCF) will soon be managing a grant fund on behalf of the PCC. This fund will be accepting small bids for community safety initiatives and projects. Eligible organisations will include parish, town, district councils (including Community Safety Partnerships (CSP)) and the County Council; as well as charity and voluntary sector partners. The fund is made up from proceeds of crime monies (POCA) which equate to £150k for year one. The PCC will launch the fund in February 2017.

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. David Lloyd commissioned a review into the efficiency and effectiveness of Hertfordshire's Criminal Justice Board, the findings of which can be found here: www.hertscommissioner.org/fluidcms/files/files/pdf/Partners/Hertfordshire's-Criminal-Justice-Board-Review_September-2016-v3.pdf

Victims of Crime Booklet

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) has drafted a special advice booklet for anyone who's been a victim of crime. It provides vital information about what advice and help is available, and also what to expect of the Criminal Justice System. This can be a daunting experience so the booklet offers practical guidance. The draft booklet can be downloaded here: <http://www.hertscommissioner.org/fluidcms/files/files/pdf/Victims-Commissioning/Hertfordshire-Victim-Information-Booklet---Draft-111116.pdf> and feedback is welcome via social media channels - @HertsBeacon on Twitter, on Beacon's Facebook page or by emailing commissioner@herts.pcc.pnn.gov.uk.

Beacon was established in 2015 by David Lloyd as a hub that provides support to victims of crime, helping them to cope and recover from their ordeal. Beacon is available to any victim of crime, even if they haven't reported it to the police. More information about the service can be found here: www.hertfordshirebeacon.org

Beacon Film Festival – 23 February 2017

As part of Victim Rights Awareness Week, Beacon and Oaklands College Media Department are hosting a Hertfordshire film festival. The aim is to share stories and films specifically from

Hertfordshire students and from film makers around the globe in the international category, in order to raise awareness about the issues faced by victims of crime.

All selected films will be screened in front of a live audience at the 400 capacity Weston Auditorium based at the University of Hertfordshire and will be given feedback from a panel of film makers, lecturers and members of the OPCC.

The film festival will take place on the 23rd February 2017, from 6pm onwards. Further information and sign up details can be found here:

<http://hertfordshirebeacon.us14.listmanage1.com/subscribe?u=b0de3697eb7a44f1e9de7132b&id=99a194fedc>

Modern Slavery Conference – 29 March 2017

The OPCC is working in partnership with the Shiva Foundation, Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Constabulary to deliver a multi-agency conference, aiming to increase the awareness of key Hertfordshire stakeholders on the issue of modern slavery. This is an important event which takes into account the legal statutory duty to address modern slavery and human trafficking under Section 52 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. The event will take place at the Hilton Hotel, Watford.

The conference will bring together senior representatives from all relevant organisations, in order to enhance understanding of this duty and equip statutory authorities and business partners with the correct tools to respond to these issues. This conference is the first step towards building a comprehensive response to modern slavery across the county.

The conference organisers aim for attendees to leave with:

- an understanding that modern slavery is a hidden issue, but that it is happening in Hertfordshire
- some knowledge about spotting the signs of modern slavery
- knowledge about contacts and experts within the county that are working on this issue
- a resource for further training
- a proposed model for a county reporting pathway
- knowledge and understanding of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM)
- inspiration to work jointly across multiple agencies to tackle this problem
- a desire to share the information with colleagues.

Community Safety Board meetings

Community safety board meetings bring together senior managers from statutory agencies across the county. They are chaired by the PCC. The meetings are held three times per year for oversight of countywide community safety related strategies, and to act as an advisory board on community safety activities. The Board is hosted by each of the member agencies in turn. The host is invited to begin the meeting with a brief presentation to showcase their work. The next two meetings are scheduled for:

- 28 Feb 2017 at Three Rivers District Council offices (4.30-6.30pm)
- 19 June 2017 at East Herts District Council Offices (4.30-6.30pm)

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 opened a second round for applications which closed on 22 Jan 2017. The new bids are currently being assessed for their suitability.

Road Safety Campaign

Hertfordshire's Road Safety Partnership is currently running a campaign focussing on the illegal use of mobile phones while driving, and the many dangerous consequences. Studies show that drivers using a hands-free or handheld mobile phone are slower at recognising and reacting to hazards. Even careful drivers can be distracted by a call or text – and a split-second lapse in concentration could result in a crash.

It's illegal to use a handheld mobile when driving. This includes using a mobile phone to follow a map, read a text or check social media. This applies even if you're stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic.

For more information about the campaign, visit the road safety partnership pages at <http://m.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/transtreets/rsu/impact/roadsafetypartnership/>

Independent Business Advisory Group (IBAG)

In the Police and Crime Plan 'Everybody's Business (2015-2020)', the PCC set out an intention to set up an Independent Business Advisory Group (IBAG). This intention was developed in 'Tackling Business Crime Together', the OPCC's business crime strategy, which sets out the following aims of the IBAG:

- help the PCC scrutinise the progress of Tackling Business Crime Together
- act as a continued critical friend for the police response to business crime and other aspects of business involvement in policing
- provide a strong link between the business community, the OPCC and the police.

The IBAG was established in April 2016 and is a forum where independent advisors can give independent advice on business crime and police performance on business crime. Members have the opportunity to examine business crime figures, scrutinise the delivery of Tackling Business Crime Together and bring forward ideas of their own. The group meet on a quarterly basis and the meetings have produced the following outputs:

- LEP data on business landscape in Herts
- promotion of Business Watch
- feedback on Citizens' Academy courses for businesses
- links into other groups, including the Business Forum and Hertfordshire Economic Development Officers Group
- exploration of Growth Hub advisers helping businesses with business crime issues
- inclusion on business crime in LEP survey of Herts businesses
- exploration of LinkedIn and sector-based blogs to get out crime prevention messages.

Citizens' Academy

The OPCC is currently working with colleagues from the Children and Young People Team at Herts Constabulary to develop, implement and launch a new module on the Citizens' Academy website which will deal with 'Sexting.' This was highlighted by stakeholders as a key priority for children, young people, parents/carers and schools. The team are currently working on the content, with a view to producing two new modules, aimed at both the young people themselves and parents/schools.

The OPCC will use a cohort of Volunteer Police Cadets to test the module on young people, to assess the use of language and their understanding; and aims to launch the modules during March 2017.

Other Citizens' Academy modules can be accessed here:

<http://www.hertscitizensacademy.org/>

Volunteering Strategy 2017-2021

The PCC's refreshed volunteering strategy will be open for consultation w/c 23rd January 2017. Invitations to respond will be extended to the existing cohort of volunteers across the OPCC and Constabulary. We aim to publish the final strategy during February 2017.

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