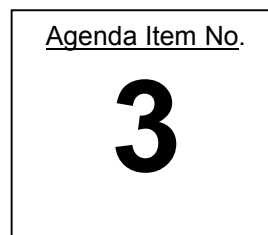


HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**COMMUNITY SAFETY & WASTE MANAGEMENT
CABINET PANEL**

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**HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE
REPORT**

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1. Purpose of report

1.1 To provide a brief update to the Panel about the current work of the
Police and Crime Commissioner.

2. Summary

2.1 Updates have been provided in relation to the following items:

- Police Precept
- Fly Tipping Group Award
- Commissioner's Action Fund
- Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel Public Meeting
- Beacon Film Festival
- Police and Crime Commissioner Transparency Award

3. Recommendation

3.1 For Panel to note the content of the report.

4. Updates

4.1 Information for Panel Members on the work of the Office of the Police
and Crime Commissioner since the last meeting of the Community
Safety and Waste Management Panel is detailed below:

4.1.1 **Police Precept**

Hertfordshire's Police and Crime Panel has approved a £1 a month increase on the average household's council tax to fund additional officers and more staff for the Constabulary. The money will be used to protect neighbourhood policing teams, investing in additional officers from the Operation Scorpion units to help tackle burglary, anti-social behaviour and drug-related crime.

Additional funding will also be placed into the Force Control Room, where 999 and 101 calls have risen dramatically since the terrorist attacks in Manchester and London.

Increased support for victims will be provided through the expansion of the Constabulary's victim services team and an enhanced Beacon Victim Care Centre, delivering greater and specialised support to victims. The full budget report presented to the Panel can be found here:

<http://www.hertspcp.org.uk/sites/default/files/meetings/papers/Item%208%20%28b%29%20PCP%20Precept%20Report.pdf>.

4.1.2 **Fly Tipping Group Award**

Hertfordshire's Fly Tipping Group – part of the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership – has won the Best Partnership Award at the Keep Britain Tidy Network Awards at this year's annual awards ceremony. The Fly Tipping Group is a multi-agency taskforce made up of Hertfordshire's local authorities, as well as the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Police, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue, the Environment Agency and the National Farmers Union.

Since 2016/17 the Police and Crime Commissioner has been working with the Fly Tipping Group providing funding support for new initiatives to tackle fly tipping. These include a range of schemes from the installation of new covert cameras at fly tipping hotspots through to enhance training for frontline officers to improve the quality of enforcement action against fly tipping.

The Hertfordshire Fly Tipping Group was recognised for its work bringing together a wide range of partners to tackle fly tipping in the county. So far during 2017/18 the task force has overseen a reduction of over 19% in the number of fly tipping incidents reported across the county.

4.1.3 **Commissioner's Action Fund**

Hertfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner is putting £150k of money recovered from criminals back into community projects which reduce crime. The fund, created from the proceeds of crime, enables local groups to find solutions to community safety problems.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available through the Police and Crime Commissioner's Action Fund, to support community and voluntary initiatives which tackle crime and make Hertfordshire a safer place to live. The fund is open to voluntary and community groups, charitable and not for profit organisations, Community Safety Partnerships and Parish, Town and District Councils. The Police and Crime Commissioner particularly wants to support innovative projects formed from local collaborations and partnerships and can make a lasting difference to communities in terms of safety and crime prevention.

One of the priorities of the Commissioner's plan is that crime does not pay. The Police and Crime Commissioner's Action Fund is made up from funds recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA), created to tackle organised crime, giving police officers the power to seize cash and recover assets such as cars and houses bought by criminals through the proceeds of their crimes.

The fund is open for applications until March 30th 2018. Applications to the fund can be made through the Hertfordshire Community Foundation website: www.hertscf.org.uk/pcc-action-fund.

4.1.4 **Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel Public Meeting**

In March 2015, Hertfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner set up an independent scrutiny panel made up of members of the community from across the county to undertake scrutiny of Hertfordshire's stop search practices. The panel is able to provide a voice for community concerns and help inform and influence police training and actions.

In February 2017, Commissioner David Lloyd welcomed a report from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC), which confirms Hertfordshire Constabulary is meeting the requirements of the Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme.

The Countywide Community Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel meet on a monthly basis to discuss, monitor and scrutinise how Hertfordshire Constabulary are carrying out Stop and Search. The panel undertake dip sampling (selecting records at random) of the Stop and Search forms in order to achieve greater transparency and involvement in the use of Stop and Search powers across Hertfordshire, and improve public confidence and trust in how the tactic is used. More recently the Panel have also begun to undertake scrutiny of body-worn camera footage.

The annual public meeting of the Stop and Search Panel is taking place on Thursday, 26 April 2018, at 9.30am-12.45pm at the University of Hertfordshire de Havilland Campus in Hatfield, AL10 9EU. If you would like to register for the event or for further information please contact Lydia Massey, Policy and Project Officer, OPCC: pccadmin@herts.pcc.pnn.gov.uk tel 01707 806100.

4.1.5 **Beacon Film Festival**

On Friday, February 9 2018, students from Oaklands College teamed up with Beacon – Hertfordshire’s victim care centre – for a second year to host the Beacon Film Festival, with an aim to bring awareness to victims of crime and highlight the services offered by Beacon.

Over 100 students aged 16+ from Oakland’s’ Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC) Creative Media and Foundation Degree courses produced the films, which were shown to an audience of 300 people. Some of the students even reflected on their own experience of being a victim of crime as the theme for their film. The winning films announced were; #MeToo from Level 3 students and Vicious Circle produced by Level 4 and 5.

The winners of the Level 4 and 5 category were awarded a grant of up to £1000 from the Police and Crime Commissioner to make a film about modern slavery. The film will be used to inform the public of how this crime impacts our communities and society. The judging panel included BBC Three Counties radio presenter, Roberto Perrone, Hertfordshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd and Hertsmere Councillor Prevez Choudhury.

Beacon was set up in 2015 as Hertfordshire's Victim Care Centre. Anyone who has been a victim of crime is entitled to free support through Beacon – irrespective of whether a crime has been reported to the Police. Beacon is a partnership organisation created by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Constabulary and (currently) Victim Support staff.

4.1.6 **Police and Crime Commissioner Transparency Award**

The Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner has received an award for transparency for the third year in a row. CoPaCC, an independent organisation which compares the work of Police and Crime Commissioners and shares best practice, has presented Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner's office with its Transparency Quality Mark.

25 PCC offices received the award, which is given to those who are meeting and exceeding the statutory requirements of disclosing information to the public. David Lloyd's website contains a specific section for transparency, including details of decision making, finances and the workings of his office.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no current direct financial implications arising from this report as its purpose is to provide an information update only.

6. Equalities Implications

- 6.1 When considering proposals placed before Members it is important that they are fully aware of, and have themselves rigorously considered the equalities implications of the decision that they are taking.
- 6.2 Rigorous consideration will ensure that proper appreciation of any potential impact of that decision on the County Council's statutory obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty. As a minimum this requires decision makers to read and carefully consider the content of any Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) produced by officers.

- 6.3 The Equality Act 2010 requires the Council when exercising its functions to have due regard to the need to (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act; (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion and belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 6.4 No EqlA was undertaken in relation to this report as it only provides a brief summary of wider work undertaken by the OPCC which in isolation has no direct equalities implications. The commitment of the OPCC to equalities throughout its work streams can be found here: <http://www.hertscommissioner.org/holding-me-to-account-overview#commitmenttoequality>