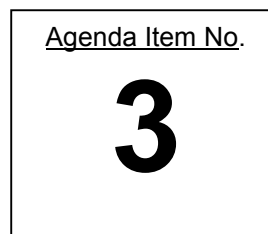


HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**COMMUNITY SAFETY & WASTE MANAGEMENT
CABINET PANEL**

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**HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE
REPORT**

Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

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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:

- Criminal Justice Innovation Fund
- HMICFRS Effectiveness Inspection
- Fly Tipping Campaign
- Youth Violence Project Funding
- Online Safety Initiative Funding

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 Criminal Justice Innovation Fund

A new £150,000 ring-fenced fund for 2018/19, aimed at supporting improvements in the criminal justice system for the people of Hertfordshire, is to be launched. The new Criminal Justice Innovation Fund is being introduced to support delivery of the Hertfordshire

Criminal Justice Board's strategic objectives and to provide an opportunity to fund new and innovative projects or build on the success of effective and transferable interventions.

The Fund will be launched in late April 2018, and will be open to both public and private organisations, including criminal justice and community safety partners working in collaboration with the voluntary and community sector. Further information on the Fund will be provided in forthcoming Community Safety & Waste Management Panel updates.

4.1.2 HMICFRS Effectiveness Inspection – ‘Good’ rating for Hertfordshire

Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) has published its Effectiveness report, which shows an overall improvement on last year's inspection, with Hertfordshire Constabulary being given a 'Good' rating.

HMICFRS says the force "acted decisively" since the last inspection, and quickly addressed the failings it identified last year. The full inspection report can be found on the [HMICFRS website](#).

4.1.3 Fly-tipping Campaign

Since April 2017, 35 people have been prosecuted for fly tipping offences in Hertfordshire and over 100 fixed penalty notices worth £300 have been issued. The Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) has committed over £50,000 of funding to help local authorities tackle fly tipping across the county.

A county wide campaign was launched in March to help reduce the number of fly tipping incidents across Hertfordshire. The campaign was organised by the Hertfordshire Fly Tipping Group, a multi-agency taskforce including the Boroughs, Districts and County Council as well as the Police, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Herts Fire & Rescue, the Environment Agency, the National Farmers Union and Keep Britain Tidy.

Hertfordshire's residents and businesses are encouraged to follow the campaign's S.C.R.A.P. code, which provides a check list to follow when arranging one-off collections of waste:

- **S**uspect all waste carriers; do not let them take your waste until they have proven themselves to be legitimate.

- Check their waste carrier's registration details, then verify them by searching the Environment Agency or by calling 03708 506 506.
- Refuse unsolicited offers to have any rubbish taken away.
- Ask what exactly is going to happen to your rubbish and seek evidence that it is going to be disposed of appropriately.
- Paperwork should be obtained. Make sure you get a proper invoice, waste transfer note or a receipt for your waste removal – this should give a description of the waste and provide the waste carrier's contact details.

Further information can be found on the website

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping.

4.1.4 **Youth Violence Project Funding**

Following a successful bid to the Commissioner's Community Safety Grant, Broxbourne Community Safety Partnership has received a grant of £256,675 over three years to deal with the rise in violent crime among young people. The project is a partnership between police, community safety partners, Hertfordshire County Council, Broxbourne Borough Council and schools across the Borough. This project will underpin a wider Constabulary initiative on gang and knife crime across the County, and it comes amid the launch of the Home Office's national Serious Violence Strategy.

The programme will help educate young people, their parents, guardians and teachers about the consequences and effects of crime and assist them in identifying any safeguarding issues at an early stage. Support workers will provide educational workshops on topics relating to criminal activity including drug dealing, knife crime, violence and child sexual exploitation. Youth diversionary activities will be provided for those at risk young people and weapons bins will be located in the borough for local residents to dispose of unwanted knives.

Further information about the Commissioner's Community Safety Grant can be found here: <http://www.hertscommissioner.org/community-safety-fund>.

4.1.5 **Online Safety Initiative Funding**

Two innovative projects in Hertsmere that will help to raise awareness around the risk of child sexual exploitation and provide support for people with drug and alcohol dependencies, and mental ill-health, have received more than £45,000 of funding from the PCC's Community Safety Grant.

The Be Fearless Against Abuse initiative, led by Hertsmere Borough Council in partnership with national charity Crime Stoppers, is a two-year project that aims to educate professionals who work with young people on the dangers of online grooming. It will also fund an outreach programme to 11 to 16 year olds in Hertsmere schools, to help youngsters learn how to better protect themselves online. This initiative follows on from a series of e-safety workshops last year held in Hertsmere schools, run by the council in partnership with Herts Schools Partnership with funding from the PCC.

In addition, a two-year initiative will also be delivered by Herts Mind Network to provide practical support for victims with drug and alcohol problems and those suffering from mental health issues. A support worker will provide services and liaise with appropriate partners in order to make real lifestyle changes. Further information, including other Community Safety Grant funded projects, can be found here <http://www.hertscommissioner.org/community-safety-fund>.

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>