

## HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### COMMUNITY SAFETY & WASTE MANAGEMENT CABINET PANEL MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 10.00AM



#### UPDATE REPORT FROM DAVID LLOYD, POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HERTFORDSHIRE

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#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Cabinet 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:

- Budget 2020/21
- Launch of the Home Office Safer Streets Fund
- Policing reviews
- Expansion of the PCC's fly-tipping on private land pilot
- Employment fair
- St Albans magistrates text messaging pilot to be launched on the 3 February 2020
- Local Partnership Reserve: funding to support crime and Anti Social behaviour (ASB) reduction initiatives 2019/20

#### 3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Cabinet Panel notes this report.

#### 4. Updates

##### **Budget 2020/21**

- 4.1 The 2020/21 funding settlement was announced on the 22 January 2020. The budget is being finalised before the precept proposal is considered by the Police and Crime Panel on the 6 February 2020. Papers will be available on the Panel website from 30 January 2020.
- 4.2 Hertfordshire will see an additional 91 police officers from the uplift funding, which also allows for additional investment in priority areas.

Recruitment of the new officers has started and will continue throughout the next financial year.

4.3 An oral update on the budget and Panel proceedings will be given at the meeting.

4.4 The following graduations and attestations have taken place since November:

7 November 2019 – 13 police officers

22 November 2019 – 14 police officers

27 November 2019 – 10 special constables

20 December 2019 – 17 police officers

13 January 2020 – 5 special constables

More details can be found on this link. [Item 03 \(a\), \(b\), \(c\), \(d\), \(e\)](#)

## **5. Launch of the Home Office Safer Streets Fund**

5.1 On the 22 January, the Home Office launched the first Safer Streets Fund, offering PCC's with the opportunity to bid for a proportion of £25 million, to help tackle acquisitive crimes in their force areas. It is hoped that the fund will build evidence on the impact of situational prevention techniques, such as alley gating and street lighting, as well as drive learning on how to deliver effective interventions.

5.2 The Home Office have set a strict eligibility criteria, focusing on residential communities of between 1,000 and 9,000 residents in Lower Super Output Areas. As part of any successful bid, PCC's will be required to show;

- That the areas are persistently and disproportionately affected by acquisitive crimes.
- Interventions are directed at highly specific forms of crime and involve the management, design or manipulation of the immediate environment in as systematic and permanent way as possible.
- Interventions can be purchased and introduced before the funds closure on the 31 March 2021.

5.3 The application window officially opens on the 27 January 2020, and PCC's will have a little under two months to work with partners to develop a finalised bid before the application deadline on the 20 March. If you would like your district to be considered for a bid to this fund or if you would like to know more, please contact [Amie.Birkhamshaw@Herts.pcc.pnn.gov.uk](mailto:Amie.Birkhamshaw@Herts.pcc.pnn.gov.uk) ASAP.

## **6. Policing Reviews**

6.1 In support of the PCC's district days, the Commissioner's office is coordinating an information pack that brings together relevant crime

and disorder information about each of the 10 Crime Safety Partnerships (CSPs). It will use data from a range of sources including the CSP strategic assessment, policing priorities, feedback from local priority setting forums, together with data on complaints compliments, confidence levels and victim satisfaction to give an overall picture of the priorities and challenges within each district/borough and provide some recommendations on areas of focus over the coming year.

- 6.2 Chief Inspectors will be presenting these at upcoming RAG meetings for wider discussion with the Community Safety Partnership. This will be concluded prior to presenting a finalised review at a public meeting in the coming months. RAG members are asked to work with their OPCC representatives to feed into the review and explore suitable opportunities for presentation in a public forum. The first of these presentations was shown in St. Albans Council Chamber on the 8 January 2020, in which issues including burglary, theft and domestic abuse were discussed.

## **7. Expansion of the PCC's Fly-Tipping on Private Land Pilot**

- 7.1 Using £20,000 set aside from the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA), the Police and Crime Commissioner has recently introduced a pilot scheme to support landowners who have been victims of fly-tipping on their private land. The pilot follows a light-touch process, in asking district and borough councils to expand their existing service to include fly-tipping on specific types of private land and to subsequently pass the cost of this clearance onto the PCC. This work is supported by Hertfordshire's Fly Tipping Group, and is in line with their work programme, helping to improve knowledge in relation to fly tipping on private land, including the number and types of incidents occurring and typical clear up costs.
- 7.2 The pilot was recently expanded into Dacorum and with this expansion, the pilot is now in operation across eight of the 10 districts. So far, over £8,000 has been committed to support landowners across the county and districts are encouraged to make enquiries on behalf of any landowners they feel meet the eligibility criteria for the fund.

If you have any questions about the progress of the PCC's Fly-Tipping on Private Land Pilot, please contact Matthew Pugh, Policy and Project Officer, [matthew.pugh@herts.pcc.pnn.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.pugh@herts.pcc.pnn.gov.uk)

## **8. Forward Look**

### **8.1 Employment Fair**

- 8.1.2 During 2020 the Rehabilitation of Offenders group (a subgroup of the Herts Criminal Justice Board) will be running some employment fairs across the country. These are yet to be confirmed and planning will start next month. More information will be shared in a future RAG briefing when we have it available.

## **8.2 St. Albans Magistrates Text Messaging Pilot to be launched on the 3 February 2020**

8.2.1 Under the Governance of the Hertfordshire Criminal Justice Boards colleagues from Her Majesty's Courts & Tribunals Service (HMCTS), the Constabulary, CPS, Legal Aid Agency and the OPCC have come together to develop a 6-month pilot, designed to improve attendance levels at court. As part of the pilot, defendants will receive an automated text message on the day prior to their court date, reminding them of the time of their hearing.

8.2.2 In Hertfordshire over 40 people fail to attend court for their first hearing every month. This has a significant impact on the entire criminal justice system, not only requiring officers to execute a did not attend warrant but also resulting in wasted court time and a delay for victims and witnesses who are seeking justice.

8.2.3 The 6 month pilot will be introduced on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, with the hope that we will see an increase in the number of people attending their first hearing at St. Albans Magistrates Court. If you have any questions about the pilot we would be happy to provide more information and can send you a FAQ document if you are interested. We can also provide updates on the success of the pilot as it progresses.

To receive any more information please email

[TextPilot@Herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:TextPilot@Herts.pnn.police.uk).

## **8.3. Local Partnership Reserve: Funding to Support Crime and ASB Reduction Initiatives 2019/20**

8.3.1 In October 2016 £400K was made available by the Police and Crime Commissioner to assist community safety partners to respond to nuisance crimes including ASB, fly-tipping and fly-grazing.

8.3.2 £100K was made available for the funds final year. £18,000 has currently been spent, including £5,000 for all local authorities to pay for specialist legal advice by the Mallard Consultancy and £9,000 to purchase branded merchandise for the Constabulary's Gangs and Schools Team. Partners are encouraged to apply until the end of this financial year. Applications must demonstrate the following;

- 1) Demonstrate a problem solving approach using O'SARA and with due consideration to the victim, location and offender;
- 2) Relate to a current Community Safety Priority;
- 3) Clearly show how the community is involved in identifying what is happening, why it is happening and in determining the response(s) to which the application relates, and;
- 4) Support a response to tackle nuisance or anti-social behaviour and associated crime (and includes fly-tipping, fly-grazing and other environmental issues).

- 5) Provide 'matched' (or contribution) funding to ensure that there is joint ownership of the issues the funding is seeking to tackle

Application form:



2018-19 LPR SM  
Application V2 Or

[This application form can be found at 03 \(f\)](#)

For more information, please contact Insp. Lara Richards on 01707 354573 or [Larissa.Richards@Herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Larissa.Richards@Herts.pnn.police.uk) if you wish to discuss your application for funding.

## **9. Financial Implications**

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

## **10. Equalities**

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 No EqIA was undertaken in relation to this report as it only provides a brief summary of wider work undertaken by the OPCC.