

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**COMMUNITY SAFETY & WASTE MANAGEMENT
CABINET PANEL
FRIDAY, 28 JUNE 2019 AT 10.00A.M**



**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 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:

- Recruitment of frontline officers
- Commissioner's Annual Reports
- Refresh of the Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan
- Annual HCJB meeting in Public
- Independent Custody Visiting Association Quality Assurance Silver Award
- Fly Tipping on Private Land Pilot
- Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel Annual Public Meeting

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That the cabinet Panel note the report

4. Recruitment of frontline officers

- 4.1 2019/20 has continued to see an increase frontline police officers recruited to Hertfordshire Constabulary following income raised through the police element of the council tax precept. During May and June 2019, the Commissioner welcomed an additional 34 officers into the Constabulary following completion of their 16 week training. By the end of 2019/20 officer numbers will increase beyond 2000 with a net increase of 75 officers.

5. The Commissioner's Annual Reports

- 5.1 The Commissioner's Annual Report in relation to the Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan: Everybody's Business (2017- 2022) was

presented to the Police and Crime Panel on 13 June 2019. In addition, separate scrutiny reports were presented in relation to Independent Custody Visitors, the Countywide Independent Community Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel and the Independent Dog Welfare Scheme. These reports are publically available through the Commissioner's website: <http://www.hertscommissioner.org/> They will also be circulated to partners.

6. Refresh of the Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan

- 6.1 The Commissioner is currently in the process of refreshing his Police and Crime Plan. The refresh will look to ensure that the Plan continues to reflect the changing landscape of Community Safety and Criminal Justice and remain up to date with emerging crime types such as serious violence, cybercrime and modern slavery.
- 6.2 The public and stakeholders have been invited to share their thoughts on the current plan and provide feedback on what the new Plan should focus and prioritise. Further consultation with the public and partners will run through the summer with an expected publication date of 19th September 2019.

7. Annual HCJB meeting in Public

- 7.1 The Hertfordshire Criminal Justice Board held their second meeting in public at Welwyn Civic Centre on 17th June. Attended by over 35 people, the meeting gave the public an opportunity to hear first-hand the challenges of creating an efficient and effective criminal justice system and the support in place for victims and witnesses. Told through his own words, a domestic abuse survivor shared his story of being subject to 10 years of domestic abuse and the support he received from Beacon, Hertfordshire's Victim Care Centre.

8. OPCC awarded the Independent Custody Visiting Association Quality Assurance Silver Award.

- 8.1 The Independent Custody Visitors (ICV) Scheme provides the public with assurance that the rights, entitlements, wellbeing and dignity of detainees in police custody in Hertfordshire is being maintained. It provides oversight and accountability, preventing the ill-treatment of detainees and ensuring that a high-level of welfare is maintained.
- 8.2 In 2019 Quality Assurance awards were introduced by the Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) to help schemes reflect on how they comply with the Code of Practice, the legislation that underpins custody visiting, celebrate areas of strength and promote custody visiting.
- 8.3 Within each level, there were more than 25 sets of criteria covering key areas such as holding the force to account, and each key area required

supporting evidence to be provided. For Silver and Gold levels, schemes had to get their submissions peer assessed, with ICVA assessing those submissions which had been nominated for a Platinum award. Hertfordshire were presented with the silver award at a celebratory event which took place at the House of Lords in May.

9. Fly Tipping on Private Land Pilot

- 9.1 Using £20,000 set aside from the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA), the Commissioner introduced a pilot scheme to support private landowners and farmers remove and dispose of fly tipping by targeting known hot spots and advising landowners on improved security.
- 9.2 The pilot has recently been expanded into North Herts and East Herts and approval has already been given for clearances of fly-tips in both areas. With this expansion, the pilot is now in operation across six of the 10 districts; Three Rivers, Broxbourne, Welwyn Hatfield, St. Albans, North Herts and East Herts.

10. Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel Annual Public Meeting: 23rd July 09:30 – 12:00, Nobel School, Stevenage.

- 10.1 The Countywide Community Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel will hold their annual public meeting on the 23rd July, at the Nobel School in Stevenage. The meeting will seek to expand on the Panel's ongoing aims to ensure public confidence and trust in the use of stop and search powers across Hertfordshire by providing members of the public with the opportunity to attend a meeting.
- 10.2 During the meeting attendees will observe the work of the Panel, including the random sampling of Stop and Search records and learn more about the use of stop and search in Hertfordshire. If you would like more information about the public meeting or the work of the Panel please contact: matthew.pugh@herts.pcc.pnn.gov.uk

11. Equalities Implications

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 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.

11.4 No EqlA was undertaken in relation to this report as it only provides a brief summary of wider work undertaken by the OPCC.

Background information

<http://www.hertscommissioner.org>