

## **Police and Crime Panel – 3 July 2018**

### **Update from the PCC on the Safer, Fairer, United Communities for Staffordshire 2013-18: Focus Priority: Public Confidence**

Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to update the Police and Crime Panel on the delivery of the Public Confidence priority of the Safer, Fairer, and United Communities Strategy for Staffordshire.

#### **2. Recommendation**

That the Panel note the update on the delivery of the Public Confidence priority and make comment as appropriate.

#### **3. Progress to Date**

##### **Safer Neighbourhood Panels**

###### **Purpose**

To provide update information on Safer Neighbourhood Panel meetings and progress in Staffordshire.

###### **Background**

It is one of Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner's ambitions for policing in Staffordshire is to be the most open and transparent in the country. Aspiring to remain 'very local' and be attuned to concerns of the people it serves.

Safer Neighbourhood Panels, often referred to as SNPs, are panels set up to support the role of the PCC in holding Staffordshire Police to account for their performance. The PCC is elected by the public, sets the police and crime objectives for Staffordshire and holds the Chief Constable and the Force to account in delivering those objectives and on their performance.

The purpose of Safer Neighbourhood Panels is to provide local scrutiny and review of the performance of their Local Policing Team and hold to account (for performance) the LPT Commanders in support of the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner. This involves fulfilling various functions on behalf of the PCC such as; challenging local performance, examining local performance issues and providing a local prospective of key topics for review at the request

of the OPCC through core scrutiny reviews.

In Staffordshire there are ten Safer Neighbourhood Panels, one for each of the Local Policing Teams, the panels are made up of local residents, local business representatives, Neighbourhood Watch and local Councillors.

SNP meetings will take place on a quarterly basis with panel members expected to attend at least three panel meetings a year. The formal business of the SNPs will be delivered within these meetings, but other areas of the required workload will be delivered out of these meetings through scrutiny review, information session and training session attendance and through data review. The panel coordinator will produce an annual schedule of meetings for each SNP that will take into account the availability of the LPT Commander in order to ensure full LPT involvement in the SNP process.

### Panel Membership Numbers

Current Membership numbers for each panel LPT within Staffordshire;

	Chair	Residents	Data Champions	Councillors	Coordinator	ETAP	Youth Commission
Cannock	1	6		1	1	1	
East Staffordshire	1	3		2	1	1	
Lichfield	1	8	1	1	1	1	
Newcastle	1	4		3	1	1	1
South Staffordshire	1	4	1	4	1	1	
Stafford	1	6	2	1	1	1	1
Staffs Moorlands	1	5	2	2	1	1	
Stoke North	1	8	2	1	1	1	1
Stoke South	1	8	1	1	1	1	
Tamworth	1	10		1	1	1	

- East Staffordshire has the fewest number of panel members as well as a temporary coordinator in post due to a recent retirement.
- Recruitment is taking place for East Staffordshire and Cannock through leaflet drops in local areas, advertisements on the OPCC website as well as local newspapers supported by the OPCC Communication's department.
- Data Champions are required in four areas, in two of these, current members are awaiting training which is arranged for early June prior to commencing the role. The remaining two panels are reliant on recruitment to bolster their panel numbers, in these cases recruitment will also take into account the Data Champion role and look to identify candidates who are willing to take on this critical role on behalf of the panel.

### Mandated Themes for Scrutiny 2018/2019

Current year to date, two scrutiny reports have been published on the OPCC website

with a further nine in review. Once a panel completes a report this is submitted to the LPT Commander for comments from the Force, when added the report is forwarded to the OPCC for final review and publication to the OPCC website.

- Cannock SNP have a date of the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 set for scrutiny of Stop Search, this will take place in an interim meeting by a number of volunteers made up from the main Panel.
- Stafford SNP have recently scrutinised Stop Search, and found whilst carrying out this scrutiny that Body Worn Video (BWV) and issues sent to both the LTP Commander and the OPCC in regards to availability of all footage and how this is itemised. LPT Commander gave a further overview of the outcome of this issues at the latest SNP meeting. Additional to this Use of Force is under review with a meeting to clarify points to be held between the Panel Coordinator and the OPCC early June 18.
- Stoke South are planning to complete Stop Search prior to July.
- Stoke North are planning to complete Use of Force once training at the end of June is complete.
- Staffordshire Moorlands are currently looking to scrutinise Stop Search, they have placed a request to view BWV with the LPT Commander.

### **Additional Scrutiny Themes**

- Lichfield SNP are currently scrutinising Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), further information and clarification of data required from the OPCC which will be facilitated in the arranged data champion session in June.
- Stafford SNP have asked for clarification to scrutinise CPS, this is currently under review with the OPCC in regards to its rationale. Currently under review with the OPCC is Complaint Handling, MOD and Police interface, 101 Call Handling and Mental Health. Amendments have been raised from the OPCC in regards to these reports which is currently underway.
- Stoke South have Voluntary Interview scrutiny under review with the OPCC.
- Stoke North have Police Visibility Scrutiny currently with the Communications Team within the OPCC awaiting publishing to the OPCC website.
- Tamworth SNP have completed 101 Call Handling Scrutiny, this has been sent to the LPT Commander and comments added prior to review by the OPCC before being published on the OPCC website.

### **Mandatory Scrutiny Subject Training**

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| • Stop and Search Training | March 2018     |
| • Use of Force Training    | June 2018      |
| • Stop and Search Training | September 2018 |
| • Use of Force Training    | November 2018  |

Each mandatory scrutiny subject is refreshed twice a year, each session

is divided into two individual days which are held in close succession, the first session provides a specialised guest speaker from the Force who delivers real world, on the job, life experience of the subject matter. The second day provides training to the panel members of how to scrutinise the information gathered in order to provide a consistent, uniform approach to all panels across Staffordshire.

### **Additional Training**

All panel members are also invited to attend general scrutiny training, this provides the panels with understanding of how to interpret the data they have gathered in relation to additional topics over and above the mandatory subjects. Panels can then utilise these skills and look into other points of interests which they feel are of interest within their local areas. Panels have already branched out from the mandatory subjects and completed additional scrutiny on subjects such as Anti-Social Behaviour, 101 Call Statistics, Complaints, Taser Use, Hate Crime and Police Visibility.

### **Data Champion Sessions**

A Data Champion is required within each of the panels, these members are able to attend facilitated sessions arranged by the OPCC. These sessions take place each month alternating between the North and South of the County.

During each session, data champions receive support for scrutiny and interpretation on subjects approved by the individual panels and are able to then feedback the information gathered for the panel to summarise and conclude.

### **Induction Training**

The OPCC has produced a Safer Neighbourhood Panel Guidebook, this contains all relevant information required by the panel including role and purpose of Safer Neighbourhood Panels, Roles and Responsibilities of Members, Chairs, Data Champions, ETAP Link and Youth Commissioners as well as how to operate meetings, complete scrutiny and present report findings.

Additional to this the OPCC felt that for new members to the panels a structured, interactive training session, facilitated by the OPCC would be more constructive. This would provide new candidates with the ability to carry out their role and to ask questions, raise issues or concerns and have instant feedback. It is also hoped the induction program will provide further structure to the Panels and a consistent approach to meeting format and scrutiny undertaken. The induction program is still in development with a proposed initial session being available in the summer.

### **Staffordshire Police Transformation Changes**

Each SNP is based within its own LPT, guaranteeing members of that

specific locality have the knowledge and expertise of their own community. Staffordshire Police are currently going through a Transformational Change which reduces the number of LPTs from 11 down to 10. Previously Stoke was divided into 3 separate LPTs, Stoke North, Stoke Central and Stoke South, this has been reduced to 2 Stoke North and Stoke South with Stoke Central being split between the remaining 2 Stoke LPT's and integrating their services.

As such and to keep in line with the LPTs, the Safer Neighbourhood Panels have also merged their Stoke Central panel between Stoke North and South with members choosing their preference. Any scrutiny underway at Stoke Central will continue to conclusion at which point panels will mutually agree future subject matter. The move has been particularly orderly with both Stoke North and Stoke South welcoming the panel members from Stoke Central into the fold.

### **Independent Custody Visitors**

The OPCC is required to produce and publish quarterly reports in relation to the Independent Custody Visiting Scheme activity. At the financial year end there is an annual report produced and published on the OPCC website. Attached for the panel in Appendix A is the ICV Annual Report for 2017/18.

Beyond reporting of the data associated with the scheme the OPCC has a business plan in place that addresses the maintenance of the scheme including training requirements and legislative and best practice updates for the volunteers. In 2018/19 there will be an assessment of the scheme in Staffordshire against the Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA), Quality Assurance Framework that was introduced in April 2018. The ICVA Quality Assurance Framework has 4 standards, Bronze through to Platinum and through each award demonstrates the level of adherence to best practice for the scheme within that scheme area. A full assessment of the scheme in Staffordshire is being undertaken in 2018/19 and the findings of such will be available for the ICV Annual Report in April 2019.

Staffordshire's OPCC also leads on the recruitment and support of the Regional ICVA Representative who is an ICV from one of the Force areas that covers Staffordshire, West Midlands, Warwickshire and West Mercia. This regional role helps to share best practice not only across the Forces but also centrally from the Home Office and the ICVA. The Regional ICVA role will play a fundamental part in completing the quality assessments across the region.

### **Youth Commission**

The Staffordshire Youth Commission has continued to deliver its 2017-18 work programme, undertaking a significant amount of youth engagement over the past few weeks. The Youth Commission has engaged over 1500 young people directly this year in developing understanding and obtaining evidence relating to their key priorities, which were identified through the big conversation in 2017. To date 29 interactive peer to peer workshops have been run on the topic of knife and gang crime with young people from Stoke-on-Trent sixth form, Burton & South Derbyshire College and Nacro, specifically targeting young people who are at risk or have been directly affected.

In addition the Youth Commission has also undertaken 22 interactive peer to peer workshops on mental health, 20 workshops on Hate Crime & Exclusion and have just recently started the process of undertaking Abuse and CSE workshops.

The Youth Commission continue to hold advisory meetings with Staffordshire Police, the last meeting focused upon the priority area of Hate Crime and Exclusion. It was agreed that Youth Commission members would review the developing Hate Crime toolkit and provide feedback as well as develop their own social media campaign to raise awareness of the topic. Filming for a short film designed to show the impact of hate crime has been completed and should be ready for use in the very near future. The next advisory meeting with Staffordshire Police will focus on Abuse and CSE.

In April Commission members attended a meeting of the Sport and Youth Justice Steering Group attended by partners from across the County to help present the findings and evaluations of the SPACE project. The Youth Commission has undertaken a great deal of engagement work across the county to determine youth awareness of the SPACE project, its potential impact and how it could be developed in the future.

Planning has begun for the Youth Commission's annual conference in late September where they will report back to the PCC with recommendations and suggestions concerning their five priority topics. They are looking to work with partners in making any recommendations applicable to numerous services.

### **Commissioner's Community Fund**

The PCC continues to provide a range of funding opportunities available to community safety partnerships (CSPs), strategic partners and community groups to support broad community safety activities in local areas;

- The PCC has this year again committed to make annual Locality Deal awards totalling £1,042m to local Community Safety Partnerships and the Stoke-on-Trent Safer City Partnership (CSPs), with an advance of 80% of local funds made in the summer, with half yearly evaluations being currently considered prior to award of the remaining 20% balance. This provides each area the opportunity to use these funds to ensure delivery of their statutory Community Safety Plan, derived from their annual statutory Strategic Assessment Review undertaken by the County Insight Team. Following negotiation by the OPCC, such review was completed without direct charge to CSPs.
- A contribution from Locality Deal is made by CSPs (District / Borough's) to Countywide Drug and Alcohol Services following the reduction in Staffordshire County Council funding to this key service. Additionally for 2018, all CSPs will be meeting the administrative cost of local Safer Neighbourhood Panels from their Locality Deal Award.
- SNPs will then provide additional scrutiny around the delivery of the priorities identified in individual local Community Safety Plans.
- The Proceeds of Crime Fund provides £200,000 per annum through 2 funding rounds to support strategic partnership activity aligned to the PCC's and local community safety priorities. Grants are made up to the value of £15,000 and annually evaluated.
- Similarly, the People Power fund provides £200,000 per annum through 2 funding rounds to local community groups in support of projects which support

delivery of the PCC's and local community safety priorities. Grants are awarded in values between £100 and £3,000 and evaluated on an annual basis.

### **Domestic Abuse communications**

The PCC's communications and engagement team is leading on and has developed a strategy to effectively promote and communicate the new county-wide domestic abuse service.

This has been shared with all strategic partners and will provide the basis of communication to support the project's core objectives.

Working with our partners and utilising the skills of dedicated and specialist staff, the PCC's office is committed to making people safe, providing the right support whilst robustly dealing with offenders through quick and effective further preventative action.

### **Space**

To support Space, a communication strategy has been developed to ensure all events are promoted effectively to a wide and diverse audience across the city and the county ahead of summer 2018.

Space 2018 has already been promoted since the turn of the year across all the OPCC media channels, including the website, social media platforms and delivered in the form of press releases to traditional media, radio and TV stations.

With the World Cup very much in mind, Space has tapped into summer 2018's football fever by appointing its first 'champion', former Port Vale footballer Adam Yates. He will give weight to this year's Space programme, with more potential 'champions' earmarked for the future. Video and interviews promoting Adam's involvement were distributed across Staffordshire's media landscape – with the ex-Burton man also donating prizes to, and attending, the successful Space Speed Gun challenge, during the Staffordshire Police Open day on June 4, 2018.

Matthew Ellis will attend a Space pre-launch event in early July, before also attending an event during the opening week to raise further awareness of the scheme.

### **Staffordshire Police Cadets**

It has been an exciting time for the cadets so far this year with them going from strength to strength. The induction of the Leek cadets unit marked a milestone with all of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent now covered by a total of 10 cadet units. This news was covered by local media.

And June saw a major achievement when the cadet leaders were awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – an honour that is the equivalent of an MBE for voluntary groups.

This was publicised widely, with BBC Midlands Today filming a section for their evening news bulletin on June 4 with the awarding of the honour being picked up by local media across the county and on social media.

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