

## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **REPORT TO CLEVELAND POLICE & CRIME PANEL**

**8 SEPTEMBER 2016**

### **JOINT REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ASST. DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, DEMOCRATIC AND ELECTORAL**

## **POLICE & CRIME PANEL SCRUTINY PROGRAMME 2016/17**

### **PURPOSE**

This report provides detail of the topics for scrutiny during 2016/17 and the requirements of the task and finish groups that will undertake the scrutiny topics.

### **DETAIL**

1. On 21 July 2016 Members agreed the following scrutiny topics for the 2016/17 work programme:
  - Shared Services
  - Overall budget strategy
2. Panel Members were requested to forward additional scrutiny topic suggestions in relation to priorities contained in the Police and Crime Plan for inclusion in the scrutiny work programme to the Chair of the PCP, or Asst Director of Administration, Democratic and Electoral Services, by 19 August 2016 so that the Panel could consider the 2016/17 scrutiny work programme at this meeting.
3. The Panel previously agreed to reschedule the review of Victims' Services to take place during 2017/18 when the performance of the new victims' referral services could be scrutinised.
4. The Panel was asked to take into account the capacity and resources needed to carry out the review programme to ensure that it was manageable. It was also important to prioritise the issues identified, so that the work of the Panel is adding value.

### **REVIEW TOPICS**

#### **Overall Budget Strategy**

5. The matter of the overall budget strategy has been reviewed annually and subject to amendment continues to be scrutinised by a Task and Finish Group in order to facilitate sufficient time and analysis to the financial arrangements of the PCC and commissioned services. The number of agenda items for a full PCP meeting might preclude sufficient scrutiny of budget and its impact on the level of precept set.

## Shared Services

6. The review of shared services was postponed until after the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2016.
7. The scope of the review is suggested to be focused on the Evolve Programme, an umbrella term to cover a whole range of activities which the Cleveland, Durham and North Yorkshire police forces will plan and undertake together. The review is suggested to specifically look at Major Crime, Serious and Organised Crime, and Dog Handlers.

## Off-road Motorcycling

8. One additional topic was received from Councillor Rooney following the request of Panel Members for scrutiny topic suggestions.
9. The issue of off-road motorcycling is considered to be an area wide problem. A scrutiny review could determine what resource is available to tackle this problem and what success has been achieved. The task and finish group could gather information on what police and enforcement services are able to achieve and look at best practice elsewhere with a view to prevention, prosecution and diversion.

## NEXT STEPS

It is recommended that:

10. Panel Members consider the topic of Off-road Motorcycling for inclusion in the Police and Crime Panel scrutiny work programme 2016/17.
11. Panel Members (one from each local authority area plus one non-political independent Member) are identified at this meeting to form the task and finish groups for the 2016/17 Police and Crime Panel scrutiny reviews.

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