

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO CLEVELAND
POLICE & CRIME PANEL**

3 JULY 2018

**REPORT OF ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR OF
ADMINISTRATION,
DEMOCRATIC AND
ELECTORAL SERVICES**

POLICE & CRIME PANEL SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

PURPOSE

This report provides detail of current and outstanding scrutiny topics and seeks to set the Police and Crime Panel Work Programme for 2018/19.

DETAIL

1. Details of outstanding scrutiny topics are set out below. The Panel are asked to take into account the capacity and resources needed to carry out the review programme to ensure that it is manageable.

REVIEW TOPICS

Overall Budget Strategy (Annual Review)

2. 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 Police and Crime Panel meeting might preclude sufficient scrutiny of budget and its impact on the level of precept set, and therefore in recent years a Task and Finish Group has undertaken this work on behalf of the full Panel. This review would report in February 2019.

Tackling Off-Road Motorbike Nuisance

3. The issue of off-road motorbike nuisance is considered to be an area wide problem. A scrutiny review has commenced to determine what resource is available to tackle the problem and what success has been achieved. The Task and Finish Group is gathering information on what the Police and Enforcement Services are able to achieve and look at best practice elsewhere with a view to prevention, prosecution and diversion. The Task and Finish Group agreed to meet again after the summer peak season to assess the impact and effectiveness of Operation Endurance.

Further Work

4. As the Panel already has two topics scheduled for scrutiny it is not proposed at this stage to add to the Scrutiny Work Programme. This takes into account that the Task and Finish Group – Tackling Off-Road Motorbike Nuisance will be reporting into the meeting

of the Panel in November 2018 and that the Task and Finish Group for the Overall Budget Strategy will report to the meeting of the Panel in February 2019. There will then be a period of purdah before the forthcoming local elections.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- (1) Panel Members confirm the following topics for inclusion in the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2018/19:

Task and Finish Group – Tackling Off-Road Motorbike Nuisance – Councillor David Coupe, Councillor Ian Jeffrey, a representative from Hartlepool Borough Council to replace Councillor Jim Lindridge, Councillor Norma Stephenson and Paul McGrath.

- (2) 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 Group for the Overall Budget Strategy.

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