

REPORT OF THE

Hampshire Police Authority

POLICING PLAN 2010 – 2013.

1. The Authority has agreed the three year rolling policing plan which takes into account national priorities, the results of local consultation with residents and communities and the National Intelligence Model strategic assessment for the two counties. The Policing Plan is prepared jointly by the Authority and Hampshire Constabulary and sets out the targets for performance management for the forthcoming year. A summary version of the Plan was published on the Authority's website on 31 March 2010. The plan is firstly published in summary and is then further updated to include the annual report and any additional requirements from the Home Secretary, for example this year it will have a Value for Money Statement. This full version is legislatively required to be published by 30 June 2010. The six priorities listed in the plan are linked to Local Area Agreements which are arrangements made between local councils and central government and include providing an excellent service; maintaining an active presence in every neighbourhood; catching criminals and managing offenders; protecting communities from crime and harm; making the most of resources and equipping the Constabulary to deliver.

BUDGET 2010 – 2011.

1. The Authority has agreed a budget increase for policing the communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight of £9 million which equates to a 3% rise. The increase will be met by an increase in government grant of £5.5 million and an increase in council tax of £3.5 million. The effect on council tax is a precept rise of 2.9% which represents a £4.14 per annum rise on a Band D property.

2. The budget had been prepared following a budget cycle agreed and monitored by the Authority's Finance Committee. The budget proposals take into account the policing priorities outlined above, Hampshire Constabulary's delivery plans and control strategy and its strategic risk register. Consideration was also given to collaboration and the use of partners to deliver services. The budget also took into account the Government announcements about significant cuts in public spending from 2011/12 and although the Chancellor has announced sufficient funding for policing officers to maintain the current numbers, this will be offset by the expectation of further efficiencies.

POLICE AUTHORITY INSPECTIONS.

1. The results of the Audit Commission/Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) inspection of Hampshire Police Authority carried out in December 2009 have been published. The Authority has been graded as 2 which indicates that it is performing adequately overall but it performs well (grade 3) in its scrutiny of the performance of Hampshire Constabulary.

2. The Audit Commission/HMIC report highlighted a number of areas considered to be strengths of the Authority including:

- Recognising that the Authority is performing well in its scrutiny of performance of Hampshire Constabulary
- Members are of a good quality and make a significant contribution, including a knowledgeable and committed Chair
- The Authority ensures the Constabulary is well led and makes good quality senior appointments
- Authority is effective in holding the Chief Constable to account
- Clear commitment to consulting and engaging with local communities

- Strong Commitment to tackling inequalities and improving outcomes for Black and Minority Ethnic communities, marginalised and vulnerable groups
- Improved visibility and commitment to partnership, collaboration and joint working
- The Authority discharges its governance responsibilities to financial management well.

3. In response to the identification within the report of two key areas for development, the Authority has developed an action plan which will be incorporated into the Business Plan. The Authority's Committees will be developing further activities so that the Authority ensures that the public's views on policing are reflected in its strategic direction and that value for money is achieved.

DEPUTATION PROCESS.

1. The Authority has extended the facility for members of the public to make a deputation to apply to all of its committees. The Authority introduced a deputation process to its main meetings from January 2009 but, following a review, it has agreed to allow deputations to committee meetings. This initiative will support the Authority's desire to be open and transparent in all its activities and to develop its duties with respect to public accountability as stated in the Police and Crime Act 2009.

REVIEW OF FORCE PERFORMANCE.

1. The Chief Constable has informed the Authority about the performance of the Hampshire Constabulary following the publication of the following national reports:

- The Police Report Card/Mypolice website
- The HMIC Value for Money Profile
- Stop and Think – a critical review of the use of stop and search powers in England and Wales
- The Stern Review of rape complaint handling
- The Home Office oversight of the British Crime Survey confidence measure

2. Overall, the Chief Constable was satisfied with the results provided in the reports but where remedial action was required; he has outlined the actions to be taken by the Constabulary.

3. The Chief Constable was pleased to report that the Constabulary had achieved 11 out of the 12 targets set by the Authority for the year 2009 - 2010 with respect to crimes and incidents. Of particular note was the overall reduction in crime of 10% achieved against a 3% target.

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Chairman.