

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 24 SEPTEMBER 2013

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY SCRUTINY

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER VISIT

WARD(S) AFFECTED:

Purpose/Summary of Report

- An opportunity to meet the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and discuss the Police and Crime Plan for Hertfordshire, the implementation of these plans locally and examine ways of working together in the future to get the best outcomes for residents in East Herts.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u>

1.0 Background

1.1 This visit has been arranged in response to the Committee's request to meet the PCC.

2.0 Report

2.1 All members of the committee have been sent a paper copy of Hertfordshire's Police and Crime Plan 'Everyone's Business'

2.2 A copy can also be found on the PCC website at http://www.hertscommissioner.org/my_plan/my_police_and_crime_plan.aspx

2.3 The Plan has three main, strategic themes:

- The **public focus** theme is about greater customer care across the criminal justice system, about greater support for victims of crime and about more active citizens.
- The **offender pays** theme is about making offenders pay for the costs they create as well as setting up paid rehabilitation schemes. And it is about a concerted attack on criminal assets to recover the proceeds of crime.
- The **business sense** theme is about working more closely with local businesses, about efficiency and about taking a more business-like approach to Constabulary and partnership use of resources and assets.

2.4 In consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, a number of questions have been prepared and sent to the PCC in advance to indicate the key areas of interest to members and this council. These questions are included here as **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.

2.5 Members are reminded that the PCC role is very distinct from that of the Chief Constable. The public accountability for the delivery and performance of the police service is placed in the hands of the PCC on behalf of their electorate. The Chief Constable has direction and control over the force's officers and staff. The Chief Constable is accountable to the law for the exercise of police powers, and to the PCC for the delivery of efficient and effective policing, management of resources and expenditure by the police force.

2.6 Members are asked to focus their discussions on areas of responsibility held by the PCC and avoid operational issues and raising specific cases which might be under investigation.

2.7 Members are invited to pass any comments or concerns to the Executive Member for community safety and environment for consideration and further discussion.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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