

Warwickshire Police Authority – 18 November 2009

**Local Policing
Report of the Governance Stream Lead**

Purpose and Supporting Documents

This highlight report enables members to consider the progress made by the Police and the Authority in its Governing role in respect of partnerships and local policing directly related to those elements of the Governance and Policing Plans allocated to this Governance Stream.

Recommendation

That this report is discussed/noted.

1. Progress against 2009/2010 Governance Plan Priorities

- *Governing the performance and resources allocated to the delivery of safer neighbourhoods.*

Performance targets have been generally achieved or exceeded, within budget, while successfully identifying required sustainability savings; where a target is not fully achieved remedial plans are in place to close the gap.

- *Engaging with the County Council and District/Borough Councils to ensure a satisfactory relationship between CDRPs and Locality/Community Forums.*

Each District Lead is developing a schedule of engagement with their corresponding Force Borough Commanders and local CDRP Chairs. District Leads receive feedback information from the Community Forums within their districts.

- *Engaging with partner agencies and the Force to consolidate consultation arrangements ensuring that all policy aspects are covered and mechanisms are in place to report results back to the Authority.*

The Community Engagement and Consultation Panel is developing an Action Plan for 2010/11. It is currently working against an interim Action Plan that runs until the end of March 2010.

- *Identifying any aspects of relevance to the Authority not covered by 2.3 above and arranging specific consultation accordingly.*

Specific consultation events with 'hard to reach' groups over the next two months have been identified and are currently being relayed to PA members.

- *Creating and developing the Police Authority website, ensuring this provides for a single issue question and response facility.*

The web-site was relaunched in January 2010, with a single issue question on value for money included.

- *Ensuring that appropriate feedback is provided to those consulted.*

Various feedback mechanisms have been considered by the Community Engagement and Consultation Panel. Processes are being currently implemented largely through the web-site.

- *Ensuring that District Partnership Leads are properly embedded in each district CDRP, LSP and in Locality/Community Forums.*

District Leads attend the Community Engagement and Consultation Panel. The PA has produced a guide for District Lead engagement with CDRPs. The PA is co-ordinating methods by which issues and good practice can be shared amongst districts Leads.

- *Attending Locality / Community Forums and District Quarterly Performance Reviews and reporting back to the Authority*

PA member routinely complete feedback forms from Community Forums, information from which is sent to District Leads. All District Leads have either attended or are scheduled to attend the Quarterly Performance Review for their District.

- *Ensuring that reporting processes are in place for Custody Visitors to raise issues with the Force.*

Current reporting system, monitored by the Authority's Member lead continues to work satisfactorily.

- *Encouraging an increase in the number of prisoners visited.*

Recruitment targets for ICVs have been exceeded.

- *Strongly encouraging an increase in the number of Specials recruited.*

The recent recruitment drive has increased the number of Specials to 204. Consideration continues to be given to the drive recruitment further and to retention issues.

- *Ensuring the Authority is kept informed of any LCJB issues relevant to its business.*

A report has been requested to determine, and if necessary strengthen, the robustness of this reporting channel.

2. Progress against Force Objectives – Appendix 1.

3. Progress against Governance Objectives

1) **Community Engagement and Consultation Panel** – Appendix 2.

5) **District Lead Reports** – Appendix 3.

6) **Report by Lead for Voluntary Services** – Appendix 4.

4. Diversity Issues

No diversity issues have arising during the period or with respect to this report.

5. High Risks

No new risks identified.

6. Governance Issues

There are no other Governance issues to be addressed by the Authority with respect to this report.

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