



**To:** Business Coordination Board

**From:** Chief Constable

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## **OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an operational update to the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”). The paper covers Cambridgeshire Constabulary’s (“the Constabulary”) recent performance, Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) inspections, significant operations and effective and efficient policing.

### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 The Board is invited to note the contents of the report.

### **3. HMIC Inspections Update**

3.1 HMIC has published a number of inspection reports since the last Board meeting in November, namely:

- Crime Data Integrity
- Crime Inspection
- Police Integrity and Corruption
- Strategic Policing Requirement

- 3.2 The findings of the inspection reports, the recommendations and the Constabulary's response to these reports are presented to the Board as separate reports for their consideration.
- 3.3 On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014, HMIC also published its Police Effectiveness Efficiency Legitimacy (PEEL) assessment programme of each of the 43 Police Forces in England and Wales. The PEEL assessment draws together all the information HMIC has discovered through inspections, monitoring and consultation in the previous 12 months. HMIC use this evidence to produce an assessment of how police forces have performed, which in some areas will include a graded judgment of outstanding, good, requires improvement, or inadequate.
- 3.4 HMIC rated the Constabulary as 'good' in each of the six areas where a grading was made:
- How effective is the Force at preventing offending and reducing crime;
  - How effective is the Force at investigating offending;
  - How effective is the Force at tackling anti-social behaviour;
  - To what extent is the Force efficient;
  - To what extent is the Force taking steps to ensure a secure financial position for the short and long term; and
  - To what extent has the Force got an affordable way of providing policing.

#### **HMIC Annual Assessment of Policing in England and Wales**

- 3.5 The Police Act 1996, requires Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary to report each year on his assessment of the efficiency and effectiveness of policing in England and Wales. His national assessment of policing – "*State of Policing: the annual assessment of policing in England and Wales 2013/14*" was published on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

#### **Firearms Licensing Pilot Inspection**

- 3.6 The Constabulary volunteered to act as a pilot Force for the HMIC's inspection of Firearms Licensing Arrangements, which took place between 2nd and 3rd December 2014. A further 13 Forces will be inspected in January and February 2015, with the report scheduled for publication in Summer 2015.
- 3.7 The hot debrief of the inspection was very positive, with HMIC inspectors commenting on the professionalism and passion of the Constabulary's officers and staff and the positive culture within the Constabulary.

#### **4. Significant Operations**

- 4.1 Cambridgeshire public order resources (2 Police Support Units, Medics and Evidence Gatherers) were supplied for Operation Akari (EDL march in Luton) on 22nd November 2014.

## **4.2 Planned Industrial Action**

- 4.2.1 UNISON members have voted to take Industrial Action as a result of their on-going pay dispute with the government. The nature, length and type of any industrial action to be taken in Cambridgeshire is not yet clear and action notices will be dispatched to employers on 10th December 2014, with 19th December 2014 being the first possible day for industrial action
- 4.2.2 ACC Mark Hopkins has been appointed as the Gold Commander for Operation Hanoi, which is the planning and management of the response to potential industrial action. Supt Chris Mead been appointed as the Silver Commander.
- 4.2.3 ACC Hopkins is keen to ensure that in the event of a strike mandate, all staff are supported and those who wish to strike are allowed to do so, equally that the Constabulary can continue to operate such that all critical functions are maintained. In order to ensure that all areas of the Constabulary are prepared for any action, Bronze Commanders have been identified, who have reviewed the local Business Continuity Plans for their department / function, identifying key critical functions and have begun to identify plans to cover these functions in the event that the staff performing the role opt to take industrial action.

## **5. Effective and Efficient Policing**

### **5.1 Staff and Officers**

- 5.1.1 Sergeant John Millward has been recognised in this year's Cambridge News Pride of Cambridge Community Awards for his brave actions during a house fire. On 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014, Sergeant Millward was first on the scene at a house fire in Ashbury Close, Cambridge. On arrival he saw smoke pouring out of the property and heard a woman screaming so he kicked in the bottom panel of the back door and entered the blazing building to rescue the woman. He pulled her out through the gap in the broken door before going back inside to rescue the lady's Jack Russell dog.
- 5.1.2 Detective Chief Inspector Martin Brunning of the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Major Crime Unit was selected as the 2014 Senior Investigating Officer award at the ACPO SIO Homicide Conference on 4th November 2014 for his work on Operation Darcy - the triple murderer Joanne Dennehy, and Operation Quantify - the kidnap and murder of Vitalija Baliutaviciene.
- 5.1.3 Police officers who run an amateur boxing club for disadvantaged children in Peterborough, have won this year's Living Sport Awards. The club won the Matthew Warn Power of Sport Awards in recognition of the contribution and impact they make on the community and all who use it. The Award is dedicated to the deputy head of Norwood Primary School, who passed away in 2009, and goes to the project or initiative which makes a noticeable impact to the community and lives of deprived young people.

### **5.2 Cases of Note**

- 5.2.1 Dr Myles Bradbury, a 41 year old paediatrician employed by Addenbrookes Hospital, pleaded guilty in September 2014 to 25 charges of indecency, against a total of 18 boys, and was jailed for 22 years at Cambridge Crown Court. In sentencing, Judge

Gareth Hawkesworth commended the Constabulary's Investigation Team for the excellence of their investigation under difficult circumstances. Bradbury was also placed on the sex offenders register for life and also made subject of a sexual offences prevention order for life.

- 5.2.2 A 47 year old Peterborough man has been sentenced to eight-and-a-half years in prison for raping his wife. He was convicted of two charges of rape following a trial at Peterborough Crown Court and jailed on 1st December 2014. The Court heard he raped and attacked the victim on a frequent basis. She contacted the police for help and fled to a refuge as she feared he was going to kill her. He was arrested and charged with domestic assault and released on court bail while the crime of rape was investigated but during this time he fled the country. He was finally arrested while trying to return to the UK and remanded in prison while the investigation continued.

### 5.3 **Campaigns**

- 5.3.1 The Constabulary is urging members of the public not to let alcohol call the shots this Christmas in a bid to tackle alcohol related violent crime. The campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol related violent crime will be running between 8<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014.
- 5.3.2 The Tri-Force Christmas drink drive campaign begins on 1<sup>st</sup> December and runs until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014. Its focus is on targeting those who drive under the influence of drink and/or drugs, as well as encouraging the reporting of these drivers through the three forces' confidential hotlines. Road users will see specialist stop checks throughout the three counties and any driver involved in a collision will be breath-tested.

### 5.4 **Information Technology**

- 5.4.1 A revolutionary new force app, tuServ, went live on 13th November 2014. tuServ has been developed to make it much easier and more efficient for all officers, including PCSOs and Specials, to access and update force systems whilst out and about. The new application is initially being rolled out to a small group of officers and offers improved efficiency and a range of features from searches to briefing and tasking. Notebook will be the first part of the app to be released and will allow officers to write or add text as they would in a notebook. It also has features including video and audio recording, picture taking and the ability to create sketches to record for evidential purposes, in line with pocket notebook.
- 5.4.2 The Constabulary's second 'touchdown' working zone. Has been opened at Police Headquarters. The touchdown zone provides a 24/7 drop-in office space for officers and staff, with twelve work stations, plus seating and tables for break-out meetings. Touchdown zones form part of the Agile Working initiative, which is supporting Programme Metis in replacing all desktop computers with mobile devices that can be coupled to workstations in a variety of locations. Parkside Police Station saw the first of the Constabulary's touchdown zones open at the beginning of November 2014. Other zones are scheduled to open at Sawston, Histon and Cambourne during December 2014. Zones at Monks Wood and Thorpe Wood are due to open in the New Year. The arrival of the touchdown zones complements the continued roll out of WiFi throughout the Constabulary.

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