



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive and Chief Constable

Date: 10 November 2016

VOLUNTEER POLICE CADETS

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) on the integration of the Cambridgeshire’s Volunteer Police Cadet (VPC) Scheme into the Constabulary’s wider Citizen in Policing agenda.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Board is recommended to note the contents of the report and approve the revised agreement (Appendix A), which sets out the governance and operational arrangements for the scheme in Cambridgeshire.

3. Background

- 3.1 Volunteer Police Cadets is a uniformed youth organisation currently run in 36 police force areas. The programme is designed to provide a safe environment in which young people can learn as individuals, develop positive relationships with the police and actively support their community.
- 3.2 The Volunteer Police Cadet Scheme was introduced in Cambridgeshire in November 2014.

4. Volunteer Police Cadet Scheme Agreement

- 4.1 The Agreement (Appendix A) sets out the how the VPC Scheme will operate in Cambridgeshire under the ‘Citizen in Policing’ banner. The Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner are committed to preventing crime and reassuring the public. This involves supporting work to build safer and stronger communities and taking a partnership approach to address causes of offending. The VPC Scheme

plays a significant part in achieving these aims through diverting young people away from a life of crime and building confidence in communities through supporting visible policing.

- 4.2 The Agreement follows the guidance set by the National VPC guidance and good practice.
- 4.3 The Commissioner provides the Constabulary with an annual Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant (£10k) as a contribution to towards the running of the VPC.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Board is recommended to note the contents of the report and approve the revised agreement (Appendix A), which sets out the governance and operational arrangements for the scheme in Cambridgeshire.

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