



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Constable

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COMMUNITY SAFETY ACCREDITATION SCHEME - PETERBOROUGH PREVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to make the Business Coordination Board ("the Board") aware of the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) powers the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Constabulary ("the Constabulary") has delegated to the Peterborough Prevention and Enforcement Service.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Board is recommended to note the report.

3. Background

3.1 The Police Reform Act 2002 enables Chief Constables to accredit non-police employees with limited police powers similar to, although not as extensive, as those Police Community Support Officers have. This is known as the CSAS. The purpose of the CSAS is to contribute to community safety and security and in co-operation with the police force, combatting crime and disorder, public nuisance and other forms of anti-social behaviour.

3.2 The legislation requires the Chief Constable to consult with a range of partners when considering the development of the CSAS, with the powers only be conferred once the Chief Constable is satisfied that these will support community safety.

3.3 Under the CSAS, all Accredited Persons are vetted and must pass a national training programme. In addition, the Accredited Persons organisation or company must pass an eligibility criteria set nationally. Once established, the scheme is routinely monitored and reviewed annually. The Chief Constable may withdraw accreditation at any time.

4. Peterborough Prevention and Enforcement Service

- 4.1 Peterborough City Council's Community Safety Partnership is known as the 'Safer Peterborough Partnership'. The Partnership has developed to include statutory organisations, such as Peterborough City Council, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, the Constabulary, and also other bodies such as Cross Key Homes, and Sodexo (HMP Peterborough).
- 4.2 In December 2015, Peterborough City Council approved the bringing together of a number of prevention and enforcement teams and functions across the Council together to deliver more cohesive solutions to tackle community and safety issues. This model also sought to bring greater integration between Cambridgeshire Constabulary (the "Constabulary"), the Council and other prevention and enforcement services.
- 4.3 The Prevention and Enforcement Team was launched in October 2016 and it provides a tactical arm for the Safer Peterborough Partnership. It comprises of 112 officers including 16 police constables, 30 police community support officers and 30 council prevention and enforcement officers. This includes Peterborough Districts Neighbourhood Policing Team, the Council's civil parking enforcement team, CCTV service, Housing Enforcement Team, Fire Service staff, and prison staff. Together this Team unites the services and encourages all organisations to work together in situations that affect the communities in Peterborough.
- 4.4 The Team take a multi-agency approach with a single set of objectives focussing on community prevention and enforcement activity. Peterborough City Council is able to delegate certain powers to police officers and in turn the Chief Constable has delegated the CSAS powers to the Council's prevention and enforcement officers.
- 4.5 Accredited officers will be uniformed and have a range of powers available to them. Examples include:
- Issuing fixed penalty notices for fly-posting, graffiti, dog fouling, littering, etc
 - Powers to deal with begging
 - Powers to require people drinking in designated places to surrender alcohol
 - Powers to stop cycles, and
 - Powers to remove abandoned vehicles
- 4.6 Similarly, the Council is in the process of delegating parking enforcement powers to police staff working within the Prevention and Enforcement Service.
- 4.7 Therefore, this has both enabled, empowered and extended the scope of enforcement across the different agencies, built a multi-disciplined team that is able to enforce across a range of issues. Police officers who are part of the Team have retained their full powers and they are the only members of the team who will have the power of arrest.
- 4.8 By way of example, the Team are already involved in patrols targeting street drinking, anti-social behaviour, aggressive begging, drug dealing and cycling on pavements; supporting Operation Sceptre, the Constabulary's city-wide knife amnesty; and visits

to houses in multiple occupancy across the city to check on the safety of residents and to check for signs of over-crowding.

5. Delegation of powers

- 5.1 The Commissioner is a consultee regarding the delegation of the CSAS powers, and as part of the on-going dialogue between the Commissioner and the Chief Constable, the Team and the powers have been discussed and views sought.
- 5.2 The Commissioner is clear that the police never work in isolation and that collaboration with partners is key to ensuring the public feel that they receive the right support from the right place at the right time. Consequently, the Commissioner is supportive of the delegation of powers where the Chief Constable feels these are appropriate to deliver outcomes for community safety and thus ensuring by working together Cambridgeshire is a safe place.
- 5.3 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Peterborough City Council are currently exploring any further considerations that maybe needed regarding the governance of the service the Team delivers.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 The Board is recommended to note the report.

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