



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Acting Chief Executive

Date: 26 November 2020

VIEWS FROM THE PUBLIC RAISED WITH THE ACTING POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to make the Business Co-ordination Board (the “Board”) aware that the Acting Police and Crime Commissioner (the “Acting Commissioner”) is introducing this report to become a standing item to subsequent Board meetings.
- 1.2 The purpose of this and future reports is to enable the Acting Commissioner, in line with his remit, to listen to questions, issues and concerns of the public and communities, and in providing this local link between them and Cambridgeshire Constabulary, bring these to the attention of the Chief Constable for him to respond to. Responses will then be published on both the Office of the Police Commissioner’s and the Constabulary’s websites.
- 1.3 By way of an indication of the purpose of this reporting mechanism, this report also includes a summary of the concerns raised so far by the public, communities and representative groups relating to the Chief Constable’s recent proposals regarding neighbourhood policing. Given these concerns, the Acting Commissioner has called an Extra-ordinary Board meeting on the 8th December 2020 to put these questions and concerns to the Chief Constable

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Board is recommended to note this proposal for this reporting mechanism going forward as a standing agenda item.
- 2.2 The Board is asked to note the Extra-ordinary Board meeting on the 8th December 2020 whereby these concerns and questions given below, and any further ones, will be put to the Chief Constable.

3. Concerns and questions raised regarding the proposed neighbourhood policing proposals

3.1 An email to the county's residents via the Acting Commissioner's Ecops account on 5th November 2020 regarding the Chief Constable's proposals to changes to neighbourhood policing. As a result, a number of questions and concerns have been raised, as given below:

- Local Neighbourhood Watch organisations asking what impact the announcement is likely to have on their communities – in particular in light of reassuring the vulnerable. When will communities be updated about how police officer/remaining PCSOs will be allocated locally;
- Following on from a question at the Board meeting held on the 30th October 2020, have any equality impact assessments been made of the proposals and will those findings be published;
- Will the work undertaken by Citizens in Policing across the county continue;
- How will the work of the Community Safety programme be managed with the proposed loss of the team;
- PCSOs have been vital in ensuring growing communities get off to the best possible start - with regards to new and emerging communities such as Northstowe, can you reassure communities what will be put in place to maintain this good work;
- Can more information about Enquiry Offices be put on the Constabulary's website.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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