

OPERATIONAL POLICING PANEL

A meeting of the Operational Policing Panel was held on Tuesday 6 October 2009 commencing at 5.00pm in the Members Conference Room at Police Headquarters.

PRESENT	Councillor Barry Coppinger (Chair), Councillor Hazel Pearson OBE, Mr Aslam Hanif, Councillor Mary Lanigan Councillor Victor Tumilty, Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer, Mr Peter Race MBE (ex officio)
OFFICIALS	Mr Joe McCarthy, Mr John Bage (CE) Mr Derek Bonnard and Miss Kate Rowntree (CC).
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES	Councillor Paul Kirton, Councillor Ron Lowes

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from, Councillor Dave McLuckie (ex officio), Councillor Steve Wallace (Vice Chair). Mr Chris Coombs, Mr Sean White and Mr Dave Pickard

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS

ORDERED that:-

1. the outstanding recommendations be noted.

FORCE PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Deputy Chief Constable presented the report to Members on Force performance to July 2009 and also verbally reported on Force performance to September 2009.

Members were informed that up to the end of September 2009 there had been reductions in crime in twelve of the thirteen crime category's. This had resulted in a reduction in overall crime by -13.4%, compared with the same period the year previous.

The Deputy Chief Constable informed Members that all four Basic Command Unit's (BCU's) had retained good grading regarding the BCU inspection criteria, and that the overall Sanction Detection Rate was currently 39.4% an increase of +1.7% on the same period last year.

The Chief Executive requested clarification regarding areas where crime could be improved. He informed Members that there was currently a projected financial underspend and sought the Deputy Chief Constable's comments on whether providing additional funding in specific areas would be beneficial.

The Deputy Chief Constable informed Members that consideration would be given to the offer from the Chief Executive with some positive aspects being actively considered in the areas of anti social behaviour.

ORDERED that:-

1. the performance be noted.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Deputy Chief Constable informed Members that the purpose of the report was to provide commentary and a detailed overview of the current position in respect of anti-social behaviour.

Members were informed that currently there is debate nationally as to the number of actual incidents of anti-social behaviour, and to what level improved call handling and incident recording effect actual performance. An example of this was how quickly it had been identified that there was a correlation between the apparent rise in anti-social behaviour and the use of dedicated neighbourhood policing telephone numbers available to the public..

Members sought to clarify if there was any statistical information available regarding the ages of people perpetrating acts of anti-social behaviour.

The Deputy Chief Constable informed Members that two main age ranges had been identified and that strategies are in place to target such.

ORDERED that:-

1. the performance be noted.