

OPERATIONAL POLICING PANEL

A meeting of the Operational Policing Panel was held on Friday 13 November 2009 commencing at 10.00am in the Members Conference Room at Police Headquarters.

PRESENT	Councillor Barry Coppinger (Chair), Councillor Steve Wallace (Vice Chair), Councillor Hazel Pearson OBE, Councillor Mary Lanigan, Councillor Victor Tumilty, Mr Chris Coombs, Mr Ted Cox JP
OFFICIALS	Mr Joe McCarthy, Mrs Sarah Wilson and Mr John Bage (CE) Mr Dave Pickard, Mr Sean White and Miss Kate Rowntree (CC).
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES	Councillor Ron Lowes

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from, Councillor Dave McLuckie (ex officio), Mr Aslam Hanif, Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer, Mr Peter Race MBE (ex officio).

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS

ORDERED that:-

1. the outstanding recommendations be noted.

FORCE PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial) presented the report to Members on Force performance to September 2009.

Members were informed that progress against the Policing Plan Priority is monitored using the Priority Indicator Set. The Priority Indicator Set provided a suite of performance measures, which aimed to reflect outcome performance in relation to the local policing priority and the Chief Constable's vision of Putting People First.

The Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial) informed Members that for 2009-10, there were 18 performance measures within the Priority Indicator Set. Of these 11 were green, 2 were amber and 5 were red. The Force continued to improve public confidence and satisfaction, reduce crime significantly and increase detections, whilst improving the level of sickness absence amongst officers and staff.

ORDERED that:-

1. the performance be noted.

END OF YEAR POLICE AUTHORITY CONSULTATION REPORT

The Consultation & Performance Officer informed Members that the report presented the findings of consultation activities undertaken by Cleveland Police Authority from October 2008 to September 2009.

Members were informed that the newly created joint Force and Authority Neighbourhood Survey was implemented in 2009, replacing the Force Quality of Life Survey and the Police Authority's precept leaflet and policing plan summary surveys. An initial postal survey was conducted in April 2009, but following new national guidance the Force and Authority were now in the process of moving to a telephone methodology.

The Consultation & Performance Officer informed Members that once the telephone survey was embedded the Authority will be conducting additional qualitative consultation focusing on groups who were under-represented in the Neighbourhood Survey and specific issues raised through the survey

ORDERED that:-

1. cognisance of the Police Authority's consultation findings at Appx 1 to the report, be taken, with a view to using the results, along with the Force strategic assessments and the Home Secretary's national policing priorities, to assist in setting the local policing priorities for 2010 – 2011 be noted.

2010 – 2013 LOCAL POLICING PLAN

The Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial) informed Members that the report had been prepared to update Members concerning the proposed policing priorities for 2010/11 and the schedule for the production of the 2010/13 Local Policing Plan (LPP).

Members were informed that the Local Policing Plan sets out the policing priorities of the Authority and Force and translates those broad priorities into practical and tangible plans that will incrementally deliver Putting People First.

Members sought clarification on the policing priorities for each neighbourhood area and whether they were included in the Plan. The Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial) informed Members that neighbourhood priorities were included in the Policing Plan.

ORDERED that:-

1. the following policing priorities be approved;
 - Deliver citizen focused policing to all our neighbourhoods

- Reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and protect neighbourhoods
- Reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol
- Ensure efficient and effective use of our people and the public's money.

STOP & SEARCH STATISTICS

The Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial) presented Members with the latest statistics on stop and search by ethnicity and the reason for stop and search. Members were informed that the report covered the period April to September 2009.

The Cleveland Police policy on stop and search was agreed in December 2007 setting out the responsibilities of officers and staff in relation to stop and search powers. This policy will be the subject of annual review.

Members were informed that during the period April to September 2009 the Force carried out 6970 stop and searches, of which 96.4% were white and 2.4% were of a visible minority ethnic origin. Of those stopped and subsequently arrested, 96.4% were white and 2.7% were of VME origin.

Members sought clarification on whether Prolific & Priority Offenders (PPO) were stopped more than the general public. The Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial) confirmed to Members that PPO are targeted for 'stop and search'

ORDERED that:-

1. the contents of the report be noted.

HATE CRIME

The Assistant Chief Constable (Crime Operations) presented to Members an overview of current response to incidents of Hate Crime.

Members were informed of the definitions for Hate Crime and Hate Incidents. The Assistant Chief Constable (Crime Operations) informed Members that these descriptions absorb the definitions of racist, religiously aggravated, faith, age, sexual orientation, disability, and transphobic incidents, and any other hate crime.

Hate crime and incidents were key concerns and a continuing focus needs to be maintained. The response to such a problem called for improved confidence in communicating with the Police and improved initial police intervention together with longer-term solutions involving partners.

Members sought clarification regarding the lack of statistical information on Hate Crime committed on persons with a disability.

The Assistant Chief Constable (Crime Operations) informed Members that this would be looked into and discussions would be taken into consideration to consult with Disability Groups.

ORDERED that:-

1. the contents of this report be noted.