

Report of the Chief Executive to the Chair and Members of the Policy and Resources Panel

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Status: For Agreement

Update on the Police Authority Inspection Process

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update Member's on the preparations for the inspection of Cleveland Police Authority (CPA) by the HMIC/Audit Commission.

2. Recommendations

That Members:-

- 2.1 Note that the HMIC/Audit Commission have formally notified CPA that the Authority will be subject to an inspection in June 2010.
- 2.2 Agree that in March/April officers of the Authority update the portfolio of evidences initially prepared as a consequence of the "gap analysis" exercise that was reported to Members in March 2009.

3. Reasons

- 3.1 The HMIC/Audit Commission police authority inspection process is well underway with the first 10 police authorities having been inspected as part of phase 1 of a process that will be completed in 4 stages, finishing in 2011.
- 3.2 In November 2009 HMIC indicated that CPA will be subject to inspection as part of phase 2 covering 13 Authorities. CPA's inspection will take place during June 2010.

- 3.3 Members will recall that an initial draft submission and gap analysis was completed and reported to Members in March 2009. This was in the form of a narrative that follows the inspection assessment themes. Since then the inspection process has been referenced at the Police Authority away day in September 2009, when Members received a presentation on progress.
- 3.4 A portfolio - a narrative containing hyperlinks to some 150 documents - of evidences was established as part of the above work and has been the subject of sporadic amendment and updating as events have occurred. Since September 2009 a number of key matters have been addressed partly in anticipation of the inspection, but moreover as a consequence of the improvement planning of the Authority informed by internal & external reviews and inspections.
- 3.5 These matters include:-
- 3.5.1 The transformation of the service improvement plan into a Business Plan.
- 3.5.2 The stakeholder event in December 2009, when over 100 stakeholder representatives held discussions around the role of CPA and its draft Business Plan. Feedback on stakeholder consultation re the draft Business Plan is due mid January.
- 3.6 HMIC/Audit Commission are to publish an interim report on the first 10 Police Authority inspections in February 2010. Once this has been studied the draft submission and gap analysis will be further updated and reported to Members in March/April 2010, ahead of the inspection run in. This document will identify further areas for attention, including tasks that Members may wish to have some involvement in.
- 3.7 Further Members' Briefings will be scheduled for April 2010 and again as required.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report

4.2 Diversity and Equal Opportunities

There are no direct diversity and equal opportunities implications.

4.3 Human Rights Act Implications

There are no human rights implications.

4.4 Sustainability

The inspection process should focus attention on areas of performance and governance that promote business sustainability.

4.5 Risk

There are clear reputational risks inherent in this open inspection process.

5. Conclusions

The police authority continues to plan and work towards achieving a successful inspection in June 2010.

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