

OPTIONS REPORT TO PCC

Subject : Consultation and Engagement

Background

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has a statutory duty to ensure that the public are engaged and consulted and given a 'voice' about the policing in their area. Effective and meaningful engagement is at the heart of these responsibilities.

The PCC inherits responsibilities regarding 'Consultation and Engagement' currently held by the Police Authority (regarding policing priorities in general) or the Chief Constable (regarding delivery of policing services). In Leicestershire, the former is currently devolved by the Police Authority to the Chief Constable and therefore all consultation and engagement is under the Chief Constable's management (coordinated by Corporate Services).

The current surveying regime is a process driven product that would not alter regardless of ownership. Clearly, numerous mutual benefits will be secured through an efficient, effective and constructive working relationship between the PCC and Chief Constable in relation to their duties to engage and consult with communities.

Recommendation

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It is recommended that the consultation function is retained within Corporate Services with commissioning, governance and performance oversight by the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable.

dispatch given by PCC

Agreed.

It is also proposed that future enhancement, oversight and governance takes place for an initial period of six months through the newly formed 'Transitional Consultation and Engagement Group' with appropriate representative expertise from the Office of the PCC, the Chief Constable and across the Force.

DECISION	
Option selected :	
Narrative (if applicable) :	<i>Dis curs jus</i>
Authorised by :	<i>The consultation function will be carried out</i>
Date :	<i>by the Corporate Services, with C G + A being directed by the PCC.</i>