

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE JOINT AUDIT, RISK & ASSURANCE PANEL

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Report of	OFFICE OF POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER
Subject	COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS
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Purpose of Report

1. This report provides the Panel with assurance that the OPCC continues to develop the necessary partnership relationships that will support and enable quality commissioning that will in turn positively impact the PCC's strategic priorities.

Recommendation

2. The Panel are recommended to note the progress that has been made, and the revisions now required on the Risk Register.

Summary

3. In March 2013, the Police and Crime Plan was published and set the nineteen priorities and related outcomes to be achieved by the PCC. A high proportion of the strategic priorities require partnership work in order to achieve the outcomes sought. The PCC was assigned an unringfenced budget by the Home Office (the Community Safety Fund) which had previously been distributed by the Home Office directly to partners. The PCC indicated his clear intentions to use this CSF to support the achievement of his strategic objectives.
4. In March 2013, the PCC issued 6 months (April 2013-September 2013) transitional funding to those projects previously funded by Home Office. He made a commitment to issue his own Commissioning Intentions (ie how he would seek to purchase what he needed to deliver his outcomes) from October 2013 onwards during June 2013.
5. The OPCC has made the necessary progress for the PCC to issue his Commissioning Intentions using a commissioning framework which will enable him to track spend against well described outcomes. A summary of this progress is as follows:

- Extensive engagement with partners at commissioning and provider levels, e.g. IOM Steering Board, County and City CYP Commissioning teams, Sub Regional Criminal Justice Substance Misuse Commissioning Team and Board, Public Health, Probation, YOS and Youth Service Providers, Community Safety leads.
 - Extensive desk top work reviewing evidence/best practice/economic models and checking this with providers.
 - Liaison with procurement specialists and legal team to check legalities of a range of commissioning options.
 - Development of a commissioning framework which will enable the PCC to track spend through to PCP outcome achievement.
6. The Commissioning Framework is published on 21 June 2013 a series of new risks relating to the Co Commissioning arrangements to be used with partners have been identified. These are listed below and are also included in the OPCC Risk Register (Paper F on this agenda):
- Delays by Co Commissioners on delivering as per contract will effect PCC's ability to impact his priorities
Mitigation: Build in clear contractual obligations, robust performance schedule and "service credit" system.
 - Further Partnership cuts may affect the quality of commissioning required by Co Commissioners
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 - Co Commissioners may seek to be "creative" with Commissioning Funds designated and use funds to support areas where budgets have been cut.
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 - No provider interest in opportunities
Mitigation: PCC/Partners to hold market development events.

Implications

Financial :	None as a direct result of this report, but the Commissioning Budget is £2.9m per annum.
Legal :	None as a direct result of this report.
Equality Impact Assessment :	None as a direct result of this report but an EIA of the Commissioning Intentions is to take place before issue.
Risks and Impact :	The risks identified and mitigated are set out in the report. The OPCC Risk Register also identifies risks around poor and ineffective commissioning.

Link to Police and Crime Plan : The report sets out how effective commissioning will support delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

List of Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

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