

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

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Purpose of Report

1. This report updates the Panel on the 2014 review of the Commissioning Framework and the Grant and Partnership Locality Fund awards for 2014/15.
2. This report updates the Panel on the revised structure of the OPCC which includes significant investment in Commissioning and Partnerships and seeks the JARAP to consider appointing a thematic lead to develop links with the Head of Partnerships and Commissioning in this important area.

Recommendation

3. The Panel are recommended to discuss and note the report and if agreed, nominate a member of the Panel as the JARAP thematic lead.

Review of the Commissioning Framework

4. The Commissioning Framework was reviewed and refreshed during 2014/15 and this refresh included consultation with both the public and key stakeholders.
5. Following the review, a detailed update was tabled at key meetings including the Police and Crime Panel in September 2014.
6. The full report to the Police and Crime Panel updated on the Grants and Partnership Locality Fund awards for 2014/15, detailed the review and significant changes, together with the consultation responses, all of which were fully considered and responded to and the refreshed Framework.
7. The Framework has been well received with partners and the Grant Allocation process for 2015/16 is well underway, with awards still anticipated before year end.

HMIC Value for Money Indicators

8. The HMIC have recently issued their Value for money indicators which, although they must be considered carefully and only used as a discussion point to highlight and explore variances, they have highlighted expenditure by PCC's on Community Safety and Commissioning, which was one of the significant features and opportunities when appointing PCC's to their roles.
9. It is pleasing to note that the profiles highlight (with the above caveat in paragraph 8) that Sir Clive invests the highest level of resources (bar one) nationally into Community Safety and Commissioning of outcomes.
10. This investment will increase further with the Commissioning for Victims and Witnesses responsibilities which will be fully transferred to the PCC in April 2015 and which for Leicestershire is valued in excess of £1M per annum.

Review of the OPCC Structure

11. As he has now been in post for two years, Sir Clive has undertaken a full review of the structure of his office to reflect the changing skills and responsibilities required in setting up an office to those required for embedding and delivering "Business as Usual", together with new policy initiatives from a national, regional and local perspective. The structure review has now concluded and staff have either slotted in or appointed roles internally both through appropriate HR processes. A number of posts will now be recruited to externally.
12. A full strategic update (which includes the OPCC structure review) is tabled at the Police and Crime Panel on the 19 December 2014 and a copy will be shared with JARAP members when completed, however, in respect of this report, it is important to highlight for members the changes which affect Commissioning and Partnerships particularly.
13. The capacity for Commissioning and Partnerships has been strengthened to reflect the high value the PCC places on this work with partners and in reducing offending and reoffending. A strategic post of Head of Partnerships and Commissioning has been created and I am delighted to confirm that Sue Haslett has been appointed to and commenced work in this role.
14. The equivalent of one post (the Commissioning Manager) will be funded in full by the additional grant resourcing provided to implement the new Victims and Witnesses agenda. Over £1m will be received and the PCC will use nearly all of this on services commissioned in respect of Victims and Witnesses but this will bring with it a significantly increased workload for which there is currently insufficient capacity or resilience within the current team.
15. In addition, following the PCC's presentation to the Police and Crime Panel in September 2014, an additional post of Partnerships Co-ordinator has been created to reflect his commitment to the priority of effective partnership relations.

16. Sue's team will comprise of a Commissioning Manager, a Partnerships Co-ordinator and a Commissioning and Contracts Officer to develop and take forward future Commissioning in line with the Police and Crime Plan priorities and the framework, in addition to co-ordinating the contract management requirements for existing contracts (and for which there are over 60 in 2014/15).
17. Following Sue's appointment and the increased investment within this area, the PCC would like to offer the JARAP members the opportunity to consider whether it would be appropriate to appoint one of its members as a thematic lead for Commissioning moving forwards.

Conclusion

18. A significant amount of work has been taken forward in respect of Commissioning since the last update to the JARAP and this investment and priority will continue.

Implications

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| Financial : | There are no financial implications associated with this report. |
| Legal : | There are no legal implications associated with this report. |
| Equality Impact Assessment : | The framework has been subject to a full Equality Impact Assessment. |
| Risks and Impact : | There are no significant implications associated with this report. |
| Link to Police and Crime Plan : | The Commissioning Framework is a fundamental part of the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan. |

List of Appendices

Appendix A - Police and Crime Panel Commissioning Report September 2014

Background Papers

Police and Crime Panel Strategic Update December 2014

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