

Cumbria Police Authority

10th November 2005

Agenda Item No.

BASELINE ASSESSMENT REPORT 2005

A Report by the Chief Constable

SUMMARY

The annual HMIC Baseline assessment report was published on the 27 October 2005. This report is the HMIC assessment of the Constabulary's performance in 2004/5.

Baseline assessment has been developed by HMIC to reflect a dynamic performance environment in which the Police Reform Act and the Policing Performance Assessment Framework (PPAF) have had a significant impact. Baseline assessment makes considerable use of self-assessment and grading criteria to produce one of four delivery grades – *Excellent, Good, Fair* or *Poor* – across a broad range of policing activities. In many cases, a 'direction of travel' grade – *Improved, Stable* or *Deteriorated* – is also noted. Baseline assessment is a diagnostic assessment that generates a tailored programme of inspection activity for each force – i.e., future inspection activity will be intelligence-led and will reflect the overall performance of the force.

This report was submitted to the Audit and Performance Committee on 3rd November 2005.

There is a separate report on the Agenda concerning the Constabulary's performance against PPAF.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members note the reports.

DETAIL

The following documents are appended:

1. Cumbria Constabulary Baseline Assessment Press Release
2. HMIC Cumbria Constabulary Baseline Assessment October 2005
3. HMIC Baseline Assessment 2005 (National Comparisons)
4. HMIC Baseline Assessment 2005 – Direction of Travel (National Comparisons)

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