

Cumbria Police Authority

Policing Plan and Performance Committee

1st September 2010

Agenda Item No

A Report by the Acting Chief Executive

REVIEW OF POLICING PLAN PRIORITIES AND TARGETS

Background

This report provides details of the proposed process for reviewing priorities within the 2010-13 Policing Plan and the underpinning performance framework, in the light of changing government priorities.

Recommendations:

That Members note the process.

Detail

Since taking office, the new Home Secretary has announced a number of changes in the requirements of police forces. As Members will be aware, the new Government talks about removing any centrally set targets and leaving discretion to local areas to focus on local priorities. The single confidence target has been dropped and the national Policing Pledge has been removed. Cutting crime, providing local policing and restoring confidence in the police continue to be priorities. This provides an opportunity to review the current priorities for policing in Cumbria, particularly in the light of the need to focus on priority areas in a time of decreasing resources.

At the Joint Planning Event on 27th July, Members gave a clear steer that they continued to believe that improving public confidence in the police and providing a quality service to the public should be priorities. Following this, the Constabulary has requested that the performance framework be reviewed, particularly the implications of the detailed requirements in the Policing Pledge, to see whether the measures included remain priorities, whether they drive the activity the Authority feels is important and whether the resources required to collect data on them represent value for money.

The Constabulary will present information on areas which it feels should continue to be priorities or should be removed from the framework at the Authority's Strategic Planning Event on 17th September. Following discussions with Members, a firm proposal for priorities and performance measures for the remainder of 2010-2011 will be presented to the full Police Authority on 27th September for approval. The need for giving clarity to Constabulary officers and staff means that this process should be completed as soon as possible.

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Background Papers: Policing Plan 2010-2013, Performance management framework 2010-2013

Human Right Implications This report has no direct human rights implications.

Race Equality / Diversity Implications: There are no specific implications arising from this report.

Risk Management Implications: The areas covered by the Policing Plan and performance framework need to be appropriate to drive Constabulary resources to priority areas. If the Authority does not consider appropriate information on performance in priority areas, it will not be able to ensure an effective police service is in place nor meet its statutory to monitor the performance of the police force.

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