

To: Surrey Police Authority
Date: 15th December 2011
By: Alison Bolton
Title: Chief Executive's Report

Purpose of Report/Issue:

To cover issues not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Recommendation(s) -

That Members note the report.

Police and Crime Commissioners - Transition Update

With less than a year to go until the arrival of Surrey's first Police and Crime Commissioner, the Authority held the third meeting of its Transition Steering Group on 5th December. This meeting brings together officers from the Authority and colleagues in the Force, as well as some partners, to consider the key pieces of work needed to move from one form of governance to another as smoothly as possible.

Some of the significant pieces of work for the year ahead include the transfer of all police staff from the employment of the Authority to the employment of the Commissioner; the transfer of all property, assets and liabilities and the associated due diligence; consideration of new governance and decision-making structures and internal and external communications.

Increasingly we are seeing the emergence of key documentation (such as the Protocol and Financial Management Code of Practice), secondary legislation and guidance, although there remain some fundamental issues to resolve – for example the working relations between two 'corporations sole'.

Discussions with Chief Executives and Leaders of Surrey's Local Authorities continue in respect of the Police and Crime Panel. This panel of up to 20 members will hold the Commissioner to account and it falls to the authorities concerned to set up and administer the panel. The Local Government Association has recently issued guidance.

Chief Constable Recruitment

The closing date for applications was 25th November 2011. In the first instance, the Senior Appointments Panel (comprising membership from the Home Office, ACPO and APA) will consider the suitability of potential candidates at a meeting on 9th December. It will then be for the Police Authority to decide who it wishes to interview at the end of December.

HMIC Inspections

HMIC returned to Surrey on 14th November as part of its 'Valuing the Police' inspection. Inspectors were keen to examine progress against the Force and Authority's plans to meet the financial challenges and savings targets for CSR period. They also looked at progress on collaboration with Sussex and others in the region, and considered the Authority's early plans for transition to PCC.

HMIC will be returning in the new year to look at the Force's policies and strategies for addressing anti-social behaviour.

Equalities and Human Rights Implications – None arising.

Risk- None arising.

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| Attachments – | None |
| Background papers - | None |

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