

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Cancellation of Public Protection Scrutiny Meeting

Decision number: 103/2015

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Protective Marking: Part One

Executive Summary:

To cancel the planned Public Protection Scrutiny Meeting on Thursday 6 August 2015, to commission further information from Surrey Police that allows thorough scrutiny and reschedule a new scrutiny meeting once Surrey Police provide this report.

Background

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has a duty to hold the Chief Constable to account. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) has received a range of reports and performance data on the area of Public Protection which require scrutiny and scheduled a scrutiny meeting for 6 August 2015.

The OPCC commissioned a range of information from Surrey Police to inform the session. The OPCC requested responses to specific questions and specific information. Surrey Police provided a range of documents to inform the meeting. This did not include all of the requested information, was too long to digest within the timescales provided and required commentary and explanation in order to understand and effectively scrutinise.

The OPCC is committed to putting the needs of victims at the centre of the Criminal Justice System and, through its own research, is keenly aware of the high impact that crimes falling under 'Public Protection' have on the lives of victims. The PCC is committed to effective scrutiny and holding the Chief Constable to account in this area of work.

The OPCC requires new and additional reporting to fulfil its original request and the PCC's responsibilities and commitment.

Recommendation

The PCC should cancel the planned Public Protection scrutiny meeting on 6 August, commission additional information and reschedule the meeting in order to ensure that the PCC effectively scrutinises and holds the Chief Constable to account for this area of work.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature: 

Date: 19/08/2015

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

The PCC consulted the following:

The Assistant Commissioner for Victims

The Advisor to the PCC on Equality and Diversity

The Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

The Senior Policy Officer responsible for Victims

The Policy Officer responsible for Victims

Financial implications

No implications

Legal

The PCC has a duty to hold the Chief Constable to account; the recommendation should assist this duty.

Risks

The recommendation will delay scrutiny of a crucial area of work. In order to minimise this risk, the session will be rescheduled as soon as possible and is likely to be more effective.

Equality and diversity

An improved scrutiny session should improve scrutiny of equality and diversity work.

Risks to human rights

An improved scrutiny session should improve scrutiny of human rights.