

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Title: Qualitative Consultation for Police and Crime Plan 2013/14

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Executive Summary:

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) have a legal duty to consult businesses, residents and victims on budget, precept and police priorities. This paper recommends that the PCC should consult Surrey's Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs), commission a thorough programme of focus groups with victims of crime and business representatives and hold public engagement events with the public.

Background

PCCs have a legal duty to consult businesses, residents and victims on budget, precept and police priorities. A large-scale survey has been completed that partially meets these requirements, further qualitative consultation is required. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey will commission focus groups and in-depth interviews to take place with victims and business representatives.

The PCC will also consult with Surrey's IAGs – groups of residents who represent and include members who can advise on age, disability, race, religion / belief and sexual orientation – who act as critical friends and advisors. The PCC will hold qualitative public engagement events at venues across the county where the public will be consulted on policing priorities, budget and precept.

The project will meet the PCC's legal duties; provide the PCC with the information that they require to write the Police and Crime Plan and will provide high quality data.

Recommendation

This paper recommends that the Police and Crime Commissioner approves the programme of consultation outlined.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature: 

Date: 22nd November 2012

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

This paper has been completed by the Policy Officer responsible for consultation alongside the Communications Manager and Senior Policy Officer. The Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey has also been consulted.

Financial implications

The cost of the outlined programme of consultation can be met within the current budget.

Legal

The PCC must consult with the groups outlined above in order to meet their legal duties.

Risks

The PCC should conduct a thorough and robust programme of consultation as outlined above in order to ensure that the results withstand scrutiny and meet legal duties.

Equality and diversity

The recommended option includes a requirement to consult with the Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) in Surrey. The IAGs consist of groups of residents who represent and include members who can advise on age, disability, race, religion / belief and sexual orientation – who act as critical friends and advisors. The IAG therefore intends to give a voice to residents who may usually be excluded from consultations. Furthermore, the residents with groups of the public will aim to include a cross section of residents.

Risks to human rights

No risks