

Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel

2 December 2015

Task Group Update:

Wiltshire PCC Commissioning Strategy Task Group

Purpose

1. To propose the establishment of a task and finish group to support the Police and Crime Commissioner in the development of a Commissioning Strategy.

Background

2. The Commissioner has invited the Panel's engagement in the development of a PCC Commissioning Strategy to sit beneath the Police and Crime Plan. Whilst this is a management document the PCC welcomes the support of the panel.
3. The draft objectives of the PCC's Commissioning Strategy are to:
 - Provide direction, principles and processes in how the PCC will commission services
 - Articulate how the commissioning is used to contribute to the Police and Crime Plan
 - Outline the mechanisms the PCC will use to commission
 - Demonstrate how the considerations and principles the PCC will balance through commissioning (such as efficient and effective commissioning)
 - Provide direction for continued improvements to the 'commissioning' role and developing these arrangements in criminal justice.
4. On 25 November the chairman and officers supporting the Panel met with the PCC Commissioning Manager for an initial discussion about the role of the task group and how it could support the PCC in this work.

Terms of reference

5. It was agreed that some of the commissioning decisions taken by the Commissioner sit outside the scope of a Wiltshire PCC Commissioning Strategy and therefore the task group. These include:
 - Any services encompassed by the Strategic Alliance with Avon & Somerset Police. There is a separate, mutually agreed framework and process for commissioning services within the Alliance.
 - Policing services commissioned through the grant given to the Chief Constable (excluding local policing - see below). As this is assessed

through existing PCC / CC governance arrangements and delivery of the police and crime plan.

6. These leaves the following commissioning activities within scope:
- All PCC commissioning outside of grant to Chief Constable (this includes community safety, victim services and restorative justice commissioning, police property act fund and any other grant giving)
 - Local policing – whilst this is currently part of the overall grant to the CC the PCC wishes to make this a distinctive commissioned service

7. The following terms of reference are therefore proposed:

To support the development of the PCC Commissioning Strategy by:

- acting as a 'critical friend'
- providing an external perspective
- ensuring the Strategy supports the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan

Proposal

8. To establish the PCP Commissioning Strategy Task Group with the terms of reference set out in the report.

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