

Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel

4 September 2014

Task Group update

Purpose

1. To provide an update on recent task group activity and propose any decisions requiring Panel approval.

Licensing Task Group

2. On 6 March 2014 the Police and Crime Panel discussed which topic would be most appropriate for consideration by its next dedicated task group. Licensing was agreed as the next topic and the Licensing Task Group was established.

Membership

3. Cllr Richard Britton (chairman)
Cllr Chris Caswill
Mr Chris Henwood
Cllr Linda Packard

Terms of Reference

4. The task group held their first meeting on 1st May and considered the project's scope and their methodology. The task group have adopted the following terms of reference, which closely reflect the aspirations in the Police and Crime Plan 2013-17 in regards to licensing:
 - 1 To investigate how Wiltshire Police, working with partners as appropriate,
 - ensures that only responsible applicants are licensed by local authority licensing committees;
 - encourages and supports the responsible management of licensed premises;
 - identifies licensed premises that are being managed irresponsibly;
 - takes a "firm approach" with licensed premises identified as being managed irresponsibly.
 - 2 If it is identified that these measured could be improved, to make recommendations regarding how this can be achieved to support the objective in the Police and Crime Plan 2013-17 of reducing the harm caused by irresponsible licensed premises.

Recent activity

5. On 9 July the task group met with Kieran Kilgallen, Chief Executive of the OPCC, and Sarah Kyte, Business Manager of the OPCC. The meeting was a general discussion of the OPCC and Police's approach to delivering the licensing objectives within the Police and Crime Plan 2013-17. The main themes were:
 - How police visits to licensed premises are recorded;
 - How the data from visits and incidents at licensed premises is used and shared;
 - How the Police contribute to the license application process;
 - How the licensing teams of the Police and the councils work together;
 - How the Commissioner measures the delivery of his licensing objectives.
6. The task group has now sent a list of questions relating to its terms of reference to the Commissioner for response.
7. On 21 August the Senior Scrutiny Officer visited the licensing team at Wiltshire Police to learn about their work.
8. The task group is currently arranging an information gathering session with officers from Wiltshire Council's licensing team.

Proposal

9. **The Police and Crime Panel are asked to note the update provided.**

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