



OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

STRATEGIC SCRUTINY MEETING

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE

Issues for Consideration

This is an update on scrutiny activity since the last meeting in March 2014. The Police and Crime Commissioner (the Commissioner) has the responsibility to hold the Chief Constable and the force to account and ensure that they are accountable to local communities. As well as this, the Police and Crime Plan sets out how the Commissioner will work in partnership across a range of agencies at local and national level to protect vulnerable people, champion the rights of victims promote targeted initiatives to tackle crime and reduce re-offending and defend front line policing.

This reports sets out how the OPCC is supporting the Commissioner in discharging these priorities.

Information

1.1 FINANCE

Revenue budget 2014/15 and future years

Financial Outlook and Strategy

Work is currently being undertaken to develop a financial strategy for the period 2015/16 to 2017/18. A briefing will be provided shortly by the PCC Chief Financial Officer that will set out the financial outlook for this period identifying the latest forecasted position in respect of the 'Savings Gap' faced by the PCC.

This will provide an update from the position shown in the budget report that was approved in February 2014 and will reflect the latest information and intelligence we have received in respect of external funding projections and the future expenditure requirements of the business.

This report will inform the PCC's financial strategy and the process to develop savings proposals that will take place during the next 6 months.

Revenue Budget 2014/15 – Victims' Services

In October 2014 the PCC takes over the responsibility to deliver certain services to Victims and Witnesses of Crime from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). The 2014/15 Revenue budget currently reflects the receipt of an interim grant that was provided to enable the PCC to

develop the provision of these services. This covers the period to September 2014 and is in the amount of £0.472m.

A report to the Commissioner on 19th June set out the ***Victims and Witnesses of Crime Strategy*** for Lancashire and within it identified that:

- Responsibility for commissioning services will pass to PCCs from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) in October 2014, with MoJ retaining responsibility for specific national services. These include: victims of trafficking; those bereaved by homicide; victims of sexual violence; the witness service; and some national helplines.
- All national services will be commissioned through a competitive process. In addition to rape support centres, some other support services for victims of sexual and domestic violence will also be nationally commissioned. The MoJ will undertake further work, engaging with victims' groups and support providers, to determine which ones.
- Indicative funding for local commissioning has been confirmed for a period of 18 months (1 Oct 2014 - 31 March 2016) and will be issued as a grant under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 to support '*victims, witnesses or other persons affected by offences*'.

The indicative level of funding for Lancashire is £0.506m in 2014/15 and £1.575m for 2015/16.

These indicative levels of funding will be reflected in the financial strategy as it is developed.

Police Innovation Fund

A total of four bids were submitted to the Police Innovation Fund 2014/15.

- RapidHIT DNA
- Dynamic Digital Solution for motoring matters
- Digital engagement and service delivery
- Jobs, Friends and houses.

'RapidHIT DNA' seeks to introduce the most radical innovation in DNA profiling for human identification since the introduction of DNA profiling for use in criminal investigations. If successful, this advancement could be rolled out to police forces and agencies nationwide and significantly improve the way that forensic science supports policing.

The funding bid 'Dynamic Digital Solution for motoring matters' would support implementation of a fully digitised postal system within the Constabulary's Central Process Unit along with a new state of the art DMS that will improve customer service, reduce administration cost and would ensure the Constabulary moves to a truly electronic court file for motoring matters in the current financial year.

'Digital engagement and service delivery' includes four key deliverables. The purchase of 79 Panasonic Toughbooks, the introduction of electronic witness statements, the purchase of 200 Panasonic Toughpad tablets and 200 body worn video units. The combination of these new devices will allow for the development of the mobile office environment for both front line uniform staff and also specialist departments.

The 'Jobs, friends and houses' bid seeks to create and sustain a social enterprise that provides peer support, stable accommodation and employment for people in abstinent recovery.

The Home Office will announce results of successful bids in June.

1.2 SUPPORTING THE DELIVERY OF THE COMMISSIONER'S POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PRIORITIES

In line with the Police and Crime Plan, the OPCC has established a range of portfolio areas in which senior members of the Commissioner's team are supporting and monitoring delivery against the Commissioner's priorities.

CHAMPIONING THE RIGHTS OF VICTIM

In the last quarter, the OPCC Victim and Witnesses Strategy has been completed and the attention has switched to defining the Membership and Terms of Reference for the Victims and Restorative Justice Governance and Commissioning Group. It is suggested that the membership will include Third Sector, Victims Voice & CJS representatives to enable outcomes for victims & witnesses beyond CJS processes to be measured.

In relation to the Commissioning Framework for Victims and Witnesses for Third Sector organisations, a further Seminar is being arranged for June/July 2014.

Finally, in relation to the Restorative Justice Review, the Terms of Reference have been circulated within the OPCC for comment.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Hate Crime

In relation to Hate Crime

- A Pan Lancashire Hate Crime Strategy is under development via the Pan Lancashire Strategic Hate Crime Group; and
- Lancashire Constabulary are to place markers against Religion & Belief based Hate incidents/crimes.

Religion & Beliefs Hate Crime Summit (SA/JP/IM/NW)

The summit at Lancashire Constabulary HQ, focused on the outcomes of Dr Paul Iganski's research into religious hate crime in Lancashire, and looked at victim experiences, perceptions of hate crime and the issue of under-reporting.

Dr Iganski's research was commissioned by Lancashire County Council – supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner and Lancashire Constabulary – and the aim of the event was to allow delegates to gain a greater understanding of his work and discuss ways the county can work together to tackle hate crime and address issues around under-reporting and support for victims.

Forced Marriage & Honour Based Violence (SA)

A Pan Lancashire Benchmarking exercise has been completed for Forced Marriage (FM) and Honour Based Violence(HBV). The exercise has identified gaps in the following areas:

- Training,

- Lack of Strategic Lead, and
- no FM/HBV policies in place within organisations.

It is recognised that greater use of MADE needs to be encouraged amongst partner agencies for recording of Forced Marriage protection orders.

A number of 'criminalisation of Forced Marriage' radio interviews are taking place across North West with Lancashire police, and partner good practice and data being promoted in all Lancashire based interviews.

Restructure of LADA (SA/ML/RR)

Discussions are on-going in relation to developing future structures and identifying a number of priority areas for Domestic Violence. Discussions around a new structure will also explore closing existing gaps and DV provision in areas such as, elder abuse, Violence against men and also incorporation of Forced Marriage, Female Genital Mutilation and Honour Based Violence in all its forms.

Note: Pan-Lancashire Sexual Abuse, Rape and Violence strategic governance & accountability structures are to be explored separately, discussion with Children's Safeguarding Boards are to take place via the OPCC

Child Sexual Exploitation

The Child Sexual Exploitation Strategic Group is planning a CSE campaign for 2014 to raise awareness amongst young people and parents.

A CSE Community Intelligence Safety Assessment scoping exercise will take place in mid-June.

Keir Starmer Labour Victims Group (SA)

Keir Starmer is undertaking a national piece of work to prepare a Victims Bill for the Labour Group. Nazir Afzal (CPS-NW Director of Public Prosecutions) is exploring opportunities for the Lancashire Victim Lead to be involved in development of the Victims Bill.

Stop and Search Pace 1984 (Code of Practice updates)

The OPCC is currently exploring and overseeing complaints relating to S&S.

Work is also underway to strengthen Stop and Search external community scrutiny mechanisms to be more inclusive and to target communities most affected.

Internal and External Impact assessment of all 13 Proposals is being assessed by the OPCC lead for Stop and Search.

Schedule 7 Terrorism Act 2000

The Police and Crime Commissioner has responded to a Home Office consultation exercise in relation to the Community Impact of Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000, particularly amongst Minority Ethnic and Minority Ethnic Faith groups. The findings of the consultation exercise are awaited.

Recruitment, Retention & Progression (SA/IM)

A number of Positive Action events for Minority Ethnic and underrepresented groups have been supported and promoted by the OPCC.

The recent recruitment for a maximum of 100 Police Officers has been supported by OPCC to maximise all opportunities to encourage ME and underrepresented groups.

CONSTABULARY SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE

There are weekly meetings to scrutinise the Constabulary and its performance. In the last quarter, the OPCC and its staff sat in on the Constabulary Quarterly Performance Review meetings in the three BCUs. Quarter Performance Reviews (QPRs) are part of the strategic scrutiny of the Lancashire Constabulary.

Overall impressions were positive, with clear indications that BCU management teams are managing the changes in a positive manner. The integrations of the previous BCUs and their management teams into the new BCUs are going well. The change plans are comprehensive and the engagement of frontline staff is a priority. There is still an element of 'getting all the equipment and vehicles in the right place.'

There was considerable discussion and focus on the quality of service to the public rather than the 'traditional target driven approach'. It was recognised that there is a real opportunity for the integrated Senior Management Teams to identify best practice from the previous 6 divisions and embed these into the new BCUs, thereby improving the Quality of Service. There are small percentage increases in overall crime levels but some of these could be explained by changes in crime data recording changes. There is considerable action on partnership initiatives e.g. Early Action.

HMIC Inspection Reports

In May, the HMIC published an Interim Report on the Crime Data Integrity which showed significant shortcomings in the 13 forces inspected, Lancashire Constabulary was not inspected. Our inspection is due in June/July. The shortcomings include under recording of crime in general and some serious sexual offences not being recorded at all. In particular, the Metropolitan Police only recorded only 908 crimes of the 1,126 that should have been recorded in the sample analysed. Both Cheshire and Greater Manchester recorded 68% of the crimes that should have been recorded.

In the last quarter, HMIC also published the national and local reports on Domestic Abuse. The Constabulary was praised and recognised for its good practices and performance. Despite this, the Home Secretary wrote to all Chief Constables and PCCs heavily criticising their performance and practice on Domestic Abuse. Both the Chief Constable and PCC replied to the Home Secretary and impressed upon her the HMIC's findings into Lancashire's performance and practices. The PCC has invited the Home Secretary to visit

Lancashire to see how seriously he and the Constabulary take the issue of Domestic Abuse.

FRONTLINE POLICING

The last quarter saw the completion of the BCU Review, Local Policing paper. The BCU review is an extensive piece of work and is mainly focused on matching police resources to demand and risk in the BCUs. It is not about saving money but is about the more effective and efficient way of working. The key points are:

- **Neighbourhood Resource to Risk** – the key point is a review of our resource allocation ensuring that we effectively matching resource to risk. There has been extensive use of the Neighbourhood Needs Index. The only risk with this approach is that rural areas could lose out and would not be policed as well as they are now. The review is still committed to Neighbourhood Policing and proposes to maintain the CBM model to cover the 302 wards in the County. The review proposes to have 268 CBMs covering the 302 wards.
- **Resource Redistribution across Lancashire** - There is no overall loss of police posts. The main changes are that the South BCU loses 12.5 police officer posts. There are gains of 8.5 police officer posts in the BCU West and 4 police officers in the BCU East. There are no proposals to close any more police outlets.
- **Use of Resources** – In addition to resource redistribution, there are other changes in the use of resources. The Shift Review introduces a 'Tidal Shift' system which better matches resources to demands and thereby makes more efficient use of police resources. In addition, the Neighbourhood Policing will be more engaged in Early Action and Citizens in Policing.
- **PCSOs** – There is a continued commitment to maintaining 335 PCSOs, in line with the PCC's requirements. The critical point is the distribution of PCSOs. The proposal is to redistribute the fully funded PCSOs to risk and demand. The part funded posts will remain in situ to the funding organisation. The review also proposes to increase the powers of PCSOs in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour.

STRATEGIC POLICING REQUIREMENTS(SPR)

In July 2012, the Government published the SPR – a document setting out the Home Secretary's view of the national threats the police service must address, and the appropriate national policing capabilities that are required to counter those threats. The introduction of police and crime commissioners (PCCs) brings the focus of policing to a local level – however, there are certain areas that cross force boundaries and require a national approach. The SPR advises what, in strategic terms, police forces need to achieve on national issues, but not how they should achieve it.

The specific national threats set down in the SPR are: terrorism, civil emergencies, organised crime, public order threats and large-scale cyber incidents. The SPR also outlines the nationally required policing response to counter these threats, and this response is described in the SPR as:

- the combined national capacity of all police forces to respond to these threats;
- the capabilities that police forces, often working collaboratively, need to maintain in order to achieve these outcomes;

- the requirement for consistency among forces for certain key specialist capabilities; and
- the connectivity arrangements by which resources from several police forces may effectively be co-ordinated or mobilised together.

The National College of Policing has produced a self-assessment tool, which enables local forces to objectively judge their compliance with the SPR. The self-assessment is set against the new ACPO frameworks and uses a RAG (Red, Amber and Green) rating system. In February 2014, there was a self- assessment carried by the Constabulary. There were no 'Red' ratings for the Lancashire Constabulary and there were number of minor 'Amber' ratings in the areas of Public Order and Civil Contingencies e.g. some interoperability of equipment. These 'Amber' ratings are being tackled by the Constabulary.

In April 2014, HMIC produced a national report on the SPR. The report was based on visits to a number of forces, Lancashire was not visited, and a desktop exercise for all forces. The report found a mixed picture, some areas of the SPR were well supported e.g. Public Order, while other needed more support e.g. cyber-crime. The Constabulary is currently reviewing its approaches to cyber-crime and is developing a strategy for this growing area of concern.

VALUE FOR MONEY

Monitor Constabulary Change Programmes

All the Constabulary's Sustaining Excellence Organisations have being implemented and are on target. The new BCU structures were successfully implemented on the 1st April and are bedding in well. In the last quarter, the Health Services Clinical and Local Policing Reviews were approved and are now in the process of being implemented.

The Sustaining Excellence Change Programme has been superseded by the 'Futures' Programme. The former was more inward focused and the later will be more externally focused. In particular there will be a greater focus on Collaboration between the Constabulary, the OPCC and external organisations e.g. other Police Forces and Local Councils. The aims of the 'Futures' Programme will still be to secure the remaining £20m+ of savings needed in the current comprehensive spending review period and to ensure that Constabulary is fit for the future and ensuring that the public are provided with an efficient and effective police force.

In April, a new review was started under the 'Futures' Programme. The HR and Payroll Review will last for 60 days and a final review report is expected in August 2014. The services being reviewed have a budget of just under £3m and 78 posts.

Work with Lancashire Constabulary on Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies HMIC's Inspections Programme and Value for Money

The HMIC published its final Inspection Programme for 2014/15. As discussed in the last quarter's Chief Executives' report, the OPCC and Constabulary responded to the draft programme and we expressed concerns over the significant increase in the Inspections burden. Unfortunately, the final programme shows little change in the level and scope of inspections proposed for 2014/15. In the last quarter, the HMIC inspected the Constabulary on a number of inspections, the most significant in terms of Value for Money was HMIC Inspection on Valuing the Police 4.

HMIC Valuing the Police 4 Inspection is latest in a series of these inspections over the last three years. They are focused on the Constabulary's and PCC's responses to the

challenges they face in the Age of Austerity. The inspection was focused on answering three key questions:

- Is the force efficient?
- Is there a sustainable and affordable policing operating model?
- Is there a secure financial position in the short and long term?

The initial feedback to the Constabulary and PCC from HMIC was very positive. HMIC was impressed that the Constabulary had an understanding of the demand and pressures facing it and had good planning and operating models. HMIC praised the Constabulary on the £60m of savings that have been achieved or planned to be achieved. HMIC also recognised that the Constabulary had plans to achieve additional £20m savings. HMIC also recognised that the Constabulary had a good financial position and planned for the short and long term. They recommended improvements in Information Technology, Human Resource & Duty Management Systems. HMIC also recognised good partnerships and plans for further partnership working and shared services. The final National and Local Reports are expected in June 2014.

We are also expecting the report on previous HMIC Inspection, 'Making the Best Use of Police Time'. The national and local reports are expected in June 2014. In May, APCC Bruce Jassi, attended a HMIC Working Group on the new type of inspection planned for 2014/15 i.e. 'All Force Inspection'. This inspection programme has been labelled as the 'PEEL' inspection, PEEL standing for Police Efficiency, Effectiveness and Legitimacy. As discussed previously, this inspection is aimed to give a more rounded picture of the performance and effectiveness of the police force. It is expected that the inspection framework will be developed in the summer and field inspections are due in September and the interim reports are due in November.

APCC Bruce Jassi and others reviewed draft Home Office Innovation Bids and contributed to the final submitted bids as mentioned in other parts of this report.

PROCUREMENT AND ESTATES

Draft Strategies for Procurement and Estate Management have been produced and proceeding through the decision making and governance processes. Both Strategies should deliver financial savings over the next 3 years. To ensure that the strategies deliver their key objectives and the OPCC is represented on regular meetings of the associated meetings e.g. Estate Strategic Group. These meeting also provide support to the PCC for national roles on Association of Police and Crime Commissioners e.g. the National Strategic Procurement Board.

ICT STRATEGY

In May, the Constabulary produced a draft ICT Strategy for 2014-2018. The strategy is currently being discussed with the OPCC and will be subject to external peer review.

The strategy for the next four years is to support effective and efficient policing in Lancashire by providing Information and Communication Technology which is easy to use, flexible, fast, secure and reliable; which does all we and our partners need at an affordable cost; and improves our mobile working so we can access the information we want when we want it and use it better; which enables visible policing in our communities and enables the public to interact with us through the use of the best available technology.

The strategy sets out how we will develop the use of ICT to support the continued delivery of high quality policing in Lancashire in the operating context of an increasingly financially

constrained environment. The ICT Department has a key role to play in ensuring the Constabulary remains consistently amongst the top performing police forces across a range of business areas by providing the right ICT, at an affordable cost. A key aspiration is that wherever possible investment in IT should contribute to reducing the overall level of demand on the Constabulary.

Over the next four years the strategic priorities will be:

- Continued investment and focus on ensuring the Constabulary's core IT infrastructure / IT applications are fit for purpose from an availability, capability and security perspective.
- Deliver solutions which meet the national Criminal Justice 2016 digitisation requirements.
- Deliver a capability to facilitate meaningful digital engagement by the public via a range of digital channels.
- Further improvements in the capability and capacity for mobile / agile working by Constabulary staff.
- Increased investment in the capability the Constabulary has to effectively share its data and intelligence with partners – both police and other agencies - to reduce demand, risk and vulnerability.

Main existing ICT projects are progressing satisfactorily, these include the VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure and Digitisation Projects). The VDI projects include:

- Mobile Office – as mentioned in previously all response officers are in process of being equipped with field laptops and Body Worn Videos are being piloted.
- Desktop Rollout – e.g. existing PCs are being replaced by 'thin client' terminals' with secure ID access.
- Disaster Recovery – essential backup and recovery systems are being revised and replaced.

The Digitisation Projects include:

- Digital Case Management – we are in early stages of procuring a new digital Case and Custody system software to enable more effective case management and working the Criminal Justice partners.
- Digital Engagement – this includes changes to the website and use of social media to engage with the public.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE

APCC Bruce Jassi represented the PCC at the Lancashire Constabulary's Long Service and Good Conduct Awards on the 24th March.

These awards are a celebration of long service and good conduct for police officers and police staff with 20 years of service to the Lancashire Constabulary. They recognise the professionalism, dedication and good service of these officers and staff to the people of Lancashire. There were over 40 recipients of these awards this year, ranging from Chief Superintendents to Special Constables and Senior Managers to frontline administration support officers. Also present at these awards were the families of these officers and staff because it is well recognised that these families provide support and sacrifices to enable

our staff to perform their duties. The awards are an excellent way to show our appreciation and are well received and enjoyed by the recipients and their families.

EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Early Action

Partnership meetings re system redesign and effective joint working, including Princes Trust, LCC Public Health and voluntary / 3rd sector organisations.

Planning and development meetings and drafting of structures to deliver Early Action in Lancashire, including Frontline Triage System.

Preparing bid to ESRC? for evaluation funding for Frontline Triage System; attending Early Intervention Workshop; planning meetings with Constabulary and UCLAN and drafting bid documents. Initial phase outcome anticipated in June 2014.

Planning and preparation for OPCC / Constabulary joint conference "Making Early Action Work for Lancashire."

The Conference was delivered on 1.5.14 and was attended by over 100 senior leaders across Lancashire's Public Services. It was addressed by Carey Oppenheim, the CEO of the Early Intervention Foundation and stimulated debate and the identification of common ground between public service agencies for delivering effective early action support to vulnerable individuals across the County.

TACKLING CRIME & REDUCING REOFFENDING

Serious and Organised Crime

Work to develop effective procedures at trials of OGC members. Amanda Webster arranged a meeting of relevant CJS partners to develop strategies for effective prosecutions.

Working on the implementation of Serious and Organised Crime Strategy in planning and design of Serious and Organised Crime Board for Lancashire and its accountability including attending Home Office Workshop to learn best practice.

Reducing Reoffending

Working with Constabulary and Probation on refreshing the Reducing Re-offending Board and its associated structures to ensure effective partnership working across Lancashire.

Beginning work on reducing reoffending pathways of housing and employment / work experience opportunities.

ENSURING AN EFFECTIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Amanda Webster is continuing her work on the Disclosure Working Group that she set up to encourage effective disclosure of information and evidence between the Criminal and Civil / Family jurisdictions where cases involve common issues and perpetrators.

Significant progress has been made since the group was set up and ongoing work aims to iron out remaining issues between the relevant agencies.

ATTENDANCE AT STRATEGIC LANCASHIRE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARDS & EVENTS

Amanda Webster has been driving forward PCC's priorities at the following:-

Working Together With Families Board

Lancashire Criminal Justice Board (LCJB) / Lancashire Community Safety Strategy Group joint board meeting

LCJB meeting

Reducing Re-offending Board

National Cadets Conference

3 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE

Events:

National Specials Weekend- April

The weekend highlighted the work Specials do in support of regular officers, carrying out a range of activities to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, allowing the public to get an insight into the work that they do. They were joined by Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner Amanda Webster.

Early Action Consultation Event- May

The Commissioner and Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner Amanda Webster hosted a pan Lancashire Early Action consultation event. The event delivered together with Lancashire Constabulary and the Early Intervention Foundation, brought organisations from across Lancashire together to look at what early action means for Lancashire and how agencies can work together to drive forward early action in the county.

Religion and Beliefs Hate Crime Summit- May

The Commissioner hosted a joint event with Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Constabulary. At the summit, delegates heard from Dr Paul Iganski, who was commissioned by the county council to produce a piece of research looking at the issue of hate crime in Lancashire. The aim of the event was to look at how agencies can work together to establish how best to tackle the issue of hate crime across Lancashire.

Early morning raids- May

The Commissioner accompanied officers on an operation in East Lancashire and saw first-hand the work the Constabulary is doing to take drugs off the streets. The operation saw several men arrested and charged in connection with drugs offences.

Ministerial visits- May and June

The Commissioner met with Shadow Policing Minister Jack Dromey MP at the town's Greenbank Divisional HQ alongside Chief Superintendent Chris Bithell, Lancashire Constabulary's East Divisional Commander.

The Commissioner also met with Policing Minister Damien Green MP and accompanied him on a visit to the resort which included a visit to Blackpool and the Fylde College to meet Volunteer Police Cadets.

Community visits:

Visit to Club to Go Project

The Commissioner visited the Club2Go charity which operates a mobile bus offering activities for children and teenagers that often have nowhere else to go. The initiative aims to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and works in partnership with local police officers and police community support officers in targeted areas.

Opening of Trust House Lancashire

The Commissioner spoke at the official launch of Trust House Lancashire, a specialist centre to help victims of rape and sexual abuse.

Bravery and Ambition Awards ceremony at Constabulary Headquarters

The Commissioner presented the William Garnett Cup to PC Dave Pinnington in recognition of his brave, life-saving actions. The William Garnett Cup is awarded by the Constabulary annually to the police officer(s) who perform the most gallant deed of the year, in the highest traditions of the service.

Reward offered for information about Paige Chivers

The Commissioner offered a £30,000 reward for information which leads to the recovery of Paige Chivers body or the conviction of the person - or people - responsible for murdering her. The money has been seized from Lancashire's criminals through the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA), in the hope it can now play a vital role in solving this crime.

Supporting Mountain Rescue

The Commissioner approved the donation by Lancashire Police of £1,500 to the county's life-saving Mountain Rescue Teams (MRTs) to support the vital work they do. The MRTs are made up entirely of volunteers yet the work they do is both invaluable and essential and this money, taken from the Proceeds of Crime Equalities reserve will help with their operating costs.

Campaigns:

World Cup Campaign

The "Ugly Consequences of the Beautiful Game" campaign launched 5 June. Developed by Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner, Lancashire Constabulary and the county's Fire and Rescue Service on behalf of the Safer Lancashire communications network it aims to raise awareness of the consequences of domestic abuse, arson, drink-driving, alcohol-fuelled violence and cooking fires this summer.

Over the world cup period, billboards will be appearing in Blackpool, Blackburn and Preston warning domestic abuse offenders to "Leave the Striking to the Players", while bus shelter adverts will urge victims, friends and family to "Blow the Whistle on Domestic Abuse".

Banners will also be displayed by partners on prominent roads and buildings across the county highlighting all elements of the campaign, and posters and beer mats will be appearing in pubs, clubs, workplaces and community buildings.

The campaign is being supported by partner agencies including Blackburn with Darwen Council, Blackpool Council, Lancashire County Council, the Army, Clinical Commissioning Groups and domestic abuse services. The campaign will run until Sunday, July 13.

Fuel Drive Off Crackdown

The Commissioner has worked with the Constabulary to develop a new policy of tackling the increase in drive-offs at petrol stations. Police processes have been streamlined to ensure officers aren't deployed unnecessarily to incidents which turn out to be accidental. Unless there are aggravating factors – such as the vehicle being stolen, using false plates, or deliberately avoiding CCTV – the report will be classed as "fraud" but an officer will only be deployed if payment has not been made within a specified time period.

The new policy also encourages garages to immediately make use of the Forecourt Watch scheme to record incidents and capture evidence and, but where the incident is classed as a civil dispute, link in with the British Oil Security Syndicate (BOSS) to recover the money owed.

4 BUSINESS SUPPORT / CORRESPONDENCE

The Commissioner continues to be delighted with the response from communities since taking office and is keen to ensure that community voices are heard on priorities that people would want to see reflected in the Police and Crime Plan and the Budget.

In recent weeks and months the OPCC has seen a steady increase in the number of community concerns in relation to Lancashire Constabulary's 101 non-emergency lines. This is something the Police and Crime Commissioner is committed to resolving and will monitor on an on-going basis.

Decision Required

The report is for noting.

Background Papers

None

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