



# STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY</b>	Police and Crime Panel
<b>DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED</b>	24th March 2023

### BRIEF REPORT

This Police and Crime Panel meeting in addition to the normal PCC updates had an update as to Constabulary's progress on remediation actions from the HMRCIFS report, and hear from members of the OPCC commissioning team. The main points were:-

- The Assistant Commissioner (AC) gave an update on the Enhanced Operating Model (EOM) which was initiated in response to the report's findings. One of key changes has been splitting up those that response from those that investigate calls which has improved efficiency.
- The EOM also required the reallocation 1300 officers into new roles created from the model, the panel questioned the impact on morale and asked about appeal processes for those that did not get their first or second preference roles. In response the AC stated that only 10% of officers did not get their preferred roles and there had been 30 appeals received, which was considered a small number compared to the large programme of change. A further question on general force morale was answered positively and that this was generally good, however concerns on cost of living are present.
- As well as other changes a new Crime Prevention' Command pulls a number of existing services together with a focus on serious violence and its prevention.
- One member asked the constabulary's response to the recently issued Baroness Casey's Report on Misconduct in the Met. Police, The Chief Executive confirmed she was currently in the process of reviewing it and whilst some things were very specific to the Met. there were other areas that were relevant.
- Apparently, the Met Police force has not achieved its officer uplift figures and this may create an opportunity for others, including Gloucestershire to bid for more officer numbers.

### OPCC Commissioning Team

- The Commissioning team gave a presentation on how they commission services and work with other agencies in commissioning services for the constabulary. This includes supporting the OPCC to hold the Constabulary and local criminal justice partners to account around adhering to the 12 rights within the Victims Code of Practice, as well as representing on a number of national partnerships.
- Another part of the role is the management of the Commissioners Fund scrutinising grant applications and administrating the distribution of funding and providing grants in 2022/3, a

2-year funding opportunity was offered to 34 projects totalling £100k, for 23/4 a 1-year funding is available of £75k.

- In response to a question as to whether the Samaritans had applied for funding, they had not but the escalation around mental health and self-harm risk was an area the Commissioner was keen to influence in some way and would welcome any suggestions from the Panel.

### **Commissioners Report**

- Officers were very pleased with the progress made in dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) during the Cheltenham Festival after last year's issues.
- The Forest of Dean and Cotswold councils had signed up to be part of the Solace scheme which used a multi-agency approach to dealing with ASB. The Commissioner hoped that both Tewkesbury and Stroud would join the other four districts.
- Responding to a question about the Community Triggers programme, the Panel were advised that this mechanism had been around for a while but there had been an increase in demand since Nov. following the creation of a new post developing and promote their use. Officers had uncovered a number of issues with other partners not meeting their legal requirements and it was agreed a more in-depth discussion would be useful for the Panel in the future
- In response to a question on response times It was advised that it was moving in the right direction but was not yet sustained enough to be fully confident. For example, in January the average answer time for 999 calls was 9.3 seconds and 101 was 3 minutes. This fell in February, it was found in a 2-week period that 42% of 101 calls could have been directed out of the Force Control Room, which would have reduced demand.

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