

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **REPORT TO WIRRAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – BY COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR 15 FEBRUARY 2012**

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#### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Elections for the post of Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) will be held on 15 November 2012 and the successful candidate in post on 22 November 2012.

In the time between coming into post and the 31 March 2013, the PCC must consult upon, develop and publish a five year Police and Crime Plan.

A number of areas of Home Office funding to CSP's will be passported directly to the PCC who will commission services necessary to achieve the aims and objectives of the PCC five year plan.

The purpose of this report is to provide for Members' consideration a process that will enable the priorities of Wirral CSP to be presented most effectively to the PCC for possible inclusion within their five year plan.

#### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Members consider for approval the process and timeline detailed within this report in preparation for Wirral CSP consultation and negotiation with the PCC and other CSP's on Merseyside.

#### **3.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 The position of PCC was created by enactment of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
- 3.2 Following an election to be held on 15 November 2012 a PCC with responsibility for Merseyside will come into office on 22 November 2012 and remain until May 2017.
- 3.3 During the period between coming into office and 31 March 2013 the PCC must consult upon, develop and publish a five year Police and Crime Plan for Merseyside.
- 3.4 From April 2013 a number of funding streams, detailed below, will be passported from CSP partners directly to the PCC. These funds will not be ring fenced and can be used to commission any service the PCC believes necessary.

- Safe and Strong Communities element of Area Based Grant
- Basic Command Unit Fund
- Home Office element of DIP Grant
- Home Office element of Young Persons' Substance Misuse Grant

3.5 Whilst the above funds are being passported from CSP's the PCC is not obliged to commission any services from the CSP's.

3.6 A considerable amount of work has been completed within the Joint Community Safety Team over the last twelve months preparing for the appointment of the PCC.

3.7 Work nevertheless remains to be completed. The following process is recommended to Members when considering how to enable Wirral CSP to be in the strongest position to influence the PCC to include Wirral priorities within the five year Police and Crime Plan, and tender for services commissioned by the PCC.

3.8 **Phase 1:-**

The Home Office team managing the introduction of PCC will recommend to the appointed PCC Home Office priorities. The only two priorities spoken of at a recent Home Office briefing wire:-

- Violence against Women & Girls
- Integrated Offender Management

3.9 The recent CSP priority setting exercise agreed the top 3 priorities for Wirral CSP to be:-

- Violence – including domestic violence
- Integrated Offender Management
- Serious Acquisitive Crime

3.10 It is recommended to Members that, before the August 2012 meeting of this Partnership, assessment is made of the continuing relevance of the above priorities to Wirral.

3.11 This assessment to be made on evidence of proven need, which shall be returned for presentation to the PCC.

3.12 This will bring the traditional CSP Planning process forward by six months.

3.13 At the same time as preparing evidence of need we must prepare evidence that we are providing value for money in the services we deliver.

3.14 **Phase 2:-**

Members of this group may be consulted by PCC when setting priorities. It is important, therefore, that each have a level of knowledge sufficient for this important task.

It is recommended that Members consider the August meeting of the CSP be set aside to complete a series of adversarial briefings by Managers within the JCST.

3.15 The benefit of this will be two fold:-

- Identification of gaps in the knowledge / information presented, with sufficient time for the gaps to be researched and filled.
- Raise the level of knowledge amongst CSP Members.

3.16 **Phase 3:-**

Post appointment of the PCC, at the November 2012 and February 2013 meetings of the CSP, compare Wirral CSP priorities to the emerging PCC five year Plan priorities, and make adjustments where necessary.

3.17 Finally, that Members' are asked to consider delegating the monitoring and development of this work to the CSP Executive Group.

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