

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday 25th October
Report of: Community Safety
Subject/Title: Police and Crime commissioner Report
Portfolio Holder: Cllr Rachel Bailey

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 Police and Crime Commissioner report of SCEP on work undertaken to secure funding and impact new arrangements will have on Cheshire East Council

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 To receive a copy of the SCEP report which will be sent to each of the PCC candidates at the end of October, detailing information on the Safer Cheshire East Partnership in relation to priorities, funding and risks and threats.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendation

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4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 All

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate Change - Health

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 The Safer Cheshire East Partnership received £150,000 of Home Office funding and this money is given to Cheshire Police as a contribution towards neighbourhood policing.

From April 2013, this grant will be given to the New Police and Crime Commissioner directly.

7.2 The Partnership has many posts which are funding through difference agencies such as the police, council which pay for partnership posts. Cheshire East Council pay for the following posts

Contribution to neighbourhood policing	£188,800
Contribution to Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Partnership	£40,000
Probation staff x 2 (Navigate team)	£38,000
Cheshire Drug and alcohol Team worker	£20,000
Sexual Assault Referral centre worker contribution	£16,268

8.0 Legal implications (authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

8.1 None

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 Risk to partnership is reduction in funding for policing contribution.
- 9.2 Risk in lack of funding for part time Anti Social Behaviour co-ordinator
- 9.3 Risk in lack of funding for mediation service
- 9.4 Risk of resources being directed to other parts of the Cheshire area

10.0 Information and background

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In preparation for this, a Partnership and Commissioning Sub-Group has established to ensure information from each LA area is received by prospective candidates. For CE Lucia Scally attends this group. There are representatives from other local authority areas, Third Sector, Police Authority, Constabulary Victim Support, Probation, YOS. As a result of this, a SCEP sub group have formed in order to produce the report attached.

The duties of the new Police and Crime Commissioner will be to

- Appoint and if necessary dismiss Chief Constable
- Set policing priorities and produce an annual plan
- Set the annual police budget and Council tax precept
- Publish an annual report and the accounts
- Consult with and involve the public

Police and Crime Commissioner Budget:

Funding for 13/14 will remain unchanged [amount]. The Community Safety Funding will likely be channelled to the Commissioner.

Clarity about which funding streams will transfer into a single community safety fund in 13/14 won't be received until the revenue support grant settlement is announced in December.

There is a risk that overall funding level will reduce and that this will mean that the current commissioning of community safety services will need review to identify decommissioning and opportunities for redesign and future commissioning when it make sense to do so across the force foot print.

Safer Cheshire East Partnership has prepared a report which will be submitted to the prospected candidates at the end of October. This report is a business case and will consist of information regarding

- About SCEP
- Responsibilities and achievements
- Priorities
- Financial Information
- Case Studies
- Risks and Threats
- Work towards PCC
- Commissioning opportunities

Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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