

REPORT OF THE SUSSEX POLICE AUTHORITY

The Sussex Police Authority met at Sackville House, Lewes, on 19 July 2012

Attendances:

Mr S Waight (Chairman), Mrs C Shaves MBE JP (Vice-Chairman), L Barnard, Mr P Bratton, Prof G Bull, Dr L Bush, Mr P Evans, Mr F Faiz. Mr P Jones, Mr A Price JP, Mr A Smith, Mr R Tidy MBE and Dr R Walker.

The Police Authority considered a wide range of policing issues at the meeting including the following matters. The full set of reports to the Police Authority can be accessed on the Authority's website www.sussexpoliceauthority.gov.uk

CHIEF CONSTABLES REPORT

1.1 The Chief Constable provided an overview of Force performance for the period April to June 2012.

1.2 In particular the Chief Constable highlighted the success of the recent Olympic torch relay through Sussex. The public turn out was in excess of anticipated numbers and there had been magnificent support and positive feedback from the public.

1.3 The Force are making good progress against targets, the most notable being the 8.3% reduction in burglary of dwellings. This was largely driven by a 28.9% reduction recorded in Brighton and Hove.

1.4 The number of people killed or seriously injured on Sussex roads is below the figure set to meet the Department of Transport reduction requirement by 2020.

1.5 The performance for answering 999 calls is being exceeded by a significant margin with 95.8 of the calls received in the year to date being answered within 10 seconds.

1.6 The Authority discussed a number of incidents that had occurred since the last report and complimented the Chief Constable on the way they had been handled.

1.7 There has been a recent recruitment drive for PCSO's which resulted in over 550 applications being received.

BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 31 MAY 2012

2.1 The Treasurer set out the financial position for 2012-13 at the end of May 2012. The cumulative revenue position up to the end of May is a net underspend of £1.6m compared to the profiled budget. This related to a small budget underspend and an over achievement of savings through the Serving Sussex programme. This was also due to Police staff and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) vacancies. The level of vacancies was the result of continuing levels of turnover and

the holding of a higher than normal level of vacancies as part of current and planned organisational changes to minimise redundancy and maximise opportunities for internal staff to be redeployed.

2.2 The Authority agreed a revised capital budget for 2012-13 of £15.677m. This had been increased to include agreed roll forward of schemes from 2011-12 and agreed revenue to capital transfers.

CORE BUSINESS INTEGRATION PROGRAMME

3.1 The Authority agreed the approach by Sussex Police to deliver improvements to the way they undertake certain key policing activities through an integrated IT system. The Force is currently in the process of procuring an IT system that will provide benefits to the staff and officers using it and to the public interface.

3.2 The new solution will meet the needs of today's services by giving officers a flexible and mobile approach to their work and will provide an excellent platform for the future. The new technology will be flexible in terms of business processes and information management.

STEVE WAIGHT
Chairman