

ORIGINATOR: Chief Executive

DECISION NO. 41/2020

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: Decision

SUBMITTED TO: Police & Crime Commissioner

SUBJECT: The Norfolk Community Safety Partnership (NCSP)

SUMMARY:

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 strengthened the relationship between Police & Crime Commissioners and Community Safety partnerships. There is a shared understanding of the importance of working closely together in order to deliver their respective priorities, mainstream resources and aim to align funding with partners to provide greater impact on crime and disorder both at a county wide and local level.

Norfolk County Council and the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner recognise the opportunity presented to strengthen the support to the NCCSP and its partner authorities, with the creation of a single Community Safety Team, to maximise the use of resources, reduce duplication and improve effectiveness. This would be hosted by the OPCCN, supporting and working directly with the Chair of the NCCSP.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sets out the principles and understanding on which Norfolk County Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Norfolk (OPCCN) will proceed, and as such provides a framework within which to develop a formal approach to staffing and recurrent and legacy funding

RECOMMENDATION:

This Decision Notice seeks approval to enter into a formal Memorandum of Understanding between Norfolk County Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the provision of resources to support the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership:

- Create a single Community Safety team from w/c 9th November 2020
- The team will be responsible to the OPCCN, with new line management structures, performance management and accountability
- Community Safety budgets to be transferred to the OPCCN

Full details attached in the Memorandum of Understanding

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC/~~CHIEF EXECUTIVE~~/~~CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER~~ (Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.



Signature

Date 09/11/2020

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 strengthened the relationship between Police & Crime Commissioners and Community Safety partnerships. There is a shared understanding of the importance of working closely together in order to deliver their respective priorities, mainstream resources and aim to align funding with partners to provide greater impact on crime and disorder both at county wide and local level

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 The NCCSP is the county-wide community safety partnership that comprises the 'Responsible Authorities' as set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, including all local authorities, police, probation, fire, Clinical Commissioning Group and other partners that are integral to tackling crime and disorder in the county.
- 2.2 The ethos of the NCCSP is to focus on county-wide strategic themes, address major risks/threats to all communities in Norfolk, requiring a multi- agency collaborative response. The financial and human resources required to support the Partnership already exist, however are currently split between the respective organisations.
- 2.3 The NCCSP is chaired by the OPCCN Chief Executive, supported by senior officers in lead roles on a number of NCCSP priority areas including County lines and Domestic abuse. The Community Safety Manager is based within the Public Health Department in Norfolk County Council, together with an officer jointly funded by partners.
- 2.4 Norfolk County Council and the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner recognise the opportunity presented to strengthen the support to the NCCSP and its partner authorities, with the creation of a single Community Safety Team, to maximise the use of resources, reduce duplication and improve effectiveness. This would be hosted by the OPCCN, supporting and working directly with the Chair of the NCCSP.
- 2.5 NCCSP is accountable to Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Sub-Panel, a sub-committee of the Norfolk County Council Scrutiny Committee.

3.0 AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 3.1 To maximise the use of these resources, reduce duplication and improve the effectiveness, these teams should be integrated with a joint Community Safety Team created, hosted by the OPCCN, supporting and working directly with the Chair of the NCCSP.

3.3 The proposals set out above constitute a significant strengthening of the response to the community safety issues that affect communities across Norfolk, by enhancing and improving multi-agency working.

4.0 STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

4.1 This approach supports all of the current Police and Crime Plan Aims and Objectives.

4.2 Strategic Ambition

- Strengthening the evidence base for the NCCSP and Strategy.
- Facilitating wider stakeholder and community engagement in community safety, including local elected members.
- Utilising the opportunity provided by Police and Crime Plan to align objectives, priorities and resourcing for community safety priorities.
- Stronger strategic alignment and joint working with other strategic boards and partnerships, to take a holistic approach to tackling the root causes of crime and disorder including serious violence.
- Making the CCSP/Strategy more responsive to the priorities and community safety activity in districts.
- A stronger focus on local delivery through the development of high-level local delivery plans – reflecting local/county wide priorities.
- Strengthening accountability for delivery of the NCCSP Strategy and delivery plans.
- Aligning resources, pooling budgets and integrating commissioning and funding for community safety, both county wide and district level.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Please refer to the Memorandum of Understanding (appendix A)

6.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

None

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	YES
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	YES
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	YES
Have human resource implications been considered?	YES
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	YES
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	YES
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	YES
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	YES
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APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.



Signature:

Date 09/11/2020

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

- a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,
OR
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,
OR
- c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves
AND
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.



Signature:

Date: 09/11/2020

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