

DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES OF DERBYSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL
REGIONAL COLLABORATION WORKSHOP
13 July 2017

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to progress plans for a workshop on the issue of Police Regional Collaboration.

2. Information and Analysis

At its meeting of 23 March 2017, the Panel agreed in principle to further develop a proposal to hold a workshop event to look at the issue of Regional Collaboration between the five Police forces and Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) in the region.

The Workshop aims to:-

- enable an agreement on a structure for how Panels can collect evidence and monitor regional collaboration activities on an ongoing basis. This will be so they can support and challenge their respective PCCs.
- provide the opportunity to review the agreed common set of questions on regional collaboration for each East Midlands PCC.
- provide the opportunity to give respective Panels the same level of knowledge and understanding of regional collaboration activities and those from outside the East Midlands area.
- provide the opportunity to learn from other Panels across the country on how they challenge and support their PCC on collaboration.
- allow Panels to challenge and support the governance, accountability and performance monitoring arrangements of the East Midlands Regional Collaboration.

The workshop will enable a consistent and clear understanding of progress with Regional Collaboration to be shared across the five Panels in the East Midlands region.

A further planning meeting has subsequently been held with the potential organisers Frontline Consultancy, attended by the support officers for the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Police and Crime Panels (Panels). A suitable central location is being sought, with one possible option being East Midlands Councils at Melton Mowbray.

It is hoped that Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, who produced a review of Collaboration Arrangements in the region in 2013 at the request of the five PCCs, will be able to send a representative to the event.

The draft outline programme for the event consists of:-

- 10.30am – Arrivals and refreshments
- 11.00am – Context setting and information sharing – with input from HMIC, PCCs and Chief Constables
- 12.30pm – Lunch
- 1.00pm – 3.00pm – Workshop – Next steps in reviewing Collaboration Arrangements - Panel Members only, facilitated by Frontline Consultancy

At this stage, plans are still being finalised but it is anticipated that the workshop will take place in the week commencing 9th October 2017 and all five PCCs and Chief Constables will be invited to attend or send appropriate representatives. Currently, the Derbyshire Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constable, together with the Derbyshire PCC have indicated their interest and availability for the event. Each PCP will be able to send five Members to the event.

It is proposed that a regional workshop event is the best way of progressing this issue. It could be argued that the support officers of each Panel could arrange the workshop event without external input but this would prevent the Panels utilising the wider experience and specialist skills of an organisation such as Frontline Consultancy.

3. Financial considerations

The costs are likely to be approximately £550 per Panel, which will include the cost of lunch and refreshments. The costs will be met from the Home Office Police and Crime Panel grant.

4. Other considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, social value, health and transport considerations.

5. Background papers

Files held by the Improvement and Scrutiny Officer.

6. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Panel approves the finalisation of plans for the workshop event, to be facilitated by Frontline Consultancy,

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