

## HAMPSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

### Report

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report is provided in response to a request from the Chair of the Panel for information on regional collaboration that Hampshire Constabulary is engaged in, mirroring a request made to other Police and Crime Panels in the region.

### 2. Existing collaboration arrangements

- 2.1. There are three main regional collaboration arrangements that Hampshire is part of:
- a) South East Region Collaboration Board covers matters of counter terrorism (delivered through the South East Counter Terrorism Unit (SECTU)), regional organised crime (delivered through the South East Region Organised Crime Unit (SEROCU)) and other specialist capabilities that are best delivered on a regional basis (delivered through South Eastern Regional Integrated Policing (SERIP)).
  - b) The bilateral arrangement with Thames Valley covers ICT, Information Management, Contact Management and the Joint Operations Unit, which provides specialist policing services such as roads policing, firearms and dog support.
  - c) The Shared Service Partnership between Hampshire Constabulary, Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, covers support services including HR, payroll, finance, procurement and facilities management.
- 2.2. The governance of the South East Region Collaboration Board comprises of the PCCs and Chief Constables from the four police force areas (Thames Valley, Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex) and meets quarterly. Kent only attend these meetings in part, having joined the eastern region due to their close collaboration with Essex
- 2.3. The Thames Valley/Hampshire Collaboration Board comprises PCC and senior force representation. It meets four times per year.

- 2.4. The Shared Service Partnership is led by the Chief Constable of Hampshire Constabulary, the Chief Fire Officer of Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Chief Executive of Hampshire County Council. The PCC receives regular updates on its performance through the Chief Constable and the Force Development Team.
- 2.5. Each collaboration board has agreed membership and its own terms of reference, including meeting frequency. The governance arrangements applicable to collaboration agreements between police forces are developed in accordance with the requirements of sections 22A to 22C of the Police Act 1996, as amended by section 89 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
- 2.6. Collaboration is an effective tool to deliver specific operational aims and objectives, particularly when these are best set at regional level due to scale or specialism. In each collaboration meeting PCCs hold the relevant chief constables to account for delivery of their specific policing objectives. Each collaboration board has agreed the specific performance management metrics it will use, appropriate to the collaborated service or function, to ensure that business is conducted efficiently and effectively.
- 2.7. HMIC also reviews the effectiveness of partnership working, including collaborations, in their annual PEEL assessments. In the 2016 Effectiveness assessment, while the force was graded as 'requiring improvement' overall, HMIC made the following comments:
- The force is good at tackling serious and organised crime with processes in place to identify relevant threats from serious and organised crime.*
- The force works well with other agencies and has initiatives in place to deter people from being drawn into serious and organised crime.*
- Hampshire Constabulary is well prepared to respond to national threats under The Strategic Policing Requirement and has appropriate exercise, testing and training arrangements in place at local, regional and national levels. The force works well with partner organisations and other forces in the region to coordinate its activities. It is very well prepared to respond to incidents requiring an armed response.*
- In the 2017 Efficiency assessment, the force was graded as 'good', with HMIC saying "It has strong and increasing numbers of collaborative working arrangements with other police forces, especially Thames Valley Police. These collaborations are providing both cost savings and a better service to the public."
- 2.8. In Hampshire, all agreed savings are removed from the Force's base budget. Individual savings are tracked at the relevant collaboration boards but the Chief Constable manages her overall budget, using virement powers to ensure the best overall use of resources and to maintain Force spending within the overall approved annual budget.

### **3. Future collaboration options**

- 3.1. The PCC and Chief Constable have a legal duty under the Policing and Crime Act 2017 to review all areas of policing activity to identify service areas and opportunities where service delivery can be delivered more efficiently and effectively in collaboration with other forces and other public and private sector partners.
- 3.2. At the most recent South East Region Collaboration Board meeting, the PCCs and Chief Constables agreed a number of areas that could be progressed at a regional level, including the associated benefits and activities required to achieve them. These will now be considered and embedded into thinking at a force level before a final determination is made on which areas are feasible for regional collaboration and decisions be made public.

### **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1. That the Panel note the content of this report.

#### **Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

**The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)**

Document

Location

None