

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report of	OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
Subject	LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD
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Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Panel of the creation of a Local Criminal Justice Board for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Recommendation

2. The Panel are recommended to note the contents of the report.

Background

3. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is the chair of the East Midlands Criminal Justice Board (EMCJB) which is a group of senior criminal justice leaders from across the region. The key focus of the EMCJB is to work with partners/stakeholders from across the East Midlands to co-ordinate the delivery of an effective and efficient criminal justice system for all.
4. The EMCJB carries a number of duties including the response to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 duty for the PCC and criminal justice agencies to work together to provide an effective and efficient criminal justice system for East Midlands Force area.
5. Whilst regional issues have been the focus of the EMCJB, the PCC is aware that there have been a number of local matters that have impacted the various criminal justice agencies and organisations within LLR.
6. As a result, the PCC has made the decision to establish the Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB) in order to improve public trust, confidence and satisfaction with the criminal justice system for the people of LLR.
7. The decision to create a local focus on criminal justice matters reflects the decisions made by other Police and Crime Commissioners within the region. There is common agreement across the region to review the role and status of the EMCJB in the future.

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Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB)

8. The first meeting of the LCJB took place on Thursday 3 November with core members being invited from the criminal justice system including Leicestershire Police, HMCTS, CPS, Witness Care, Youth Offending Service and the Judiciary, representing their area of business and providing updates to the group. The membership of the LCJB were sufficiently senior enough to make strategic decisions which will enable improvements in service delivery across the criminal justice system.
9. The LCJB will be outcomes focussed and distinct because most of its work is in relation to problem solving and sharing best practice. This differs from the Community Safety Partnership whose focus is on the preventing crime and supporting operational policing.
10. The purpose of the board to work collectively to identify local matters and resolve them. At the same time, endeavouring to remove barriers for witnesses and victims, as well as reducing crime and re-offending. The LCJB will be a forum to deliver an effective criminal justice system by sharing best practice whilst also robustly holding members to account.
11. The board will seek to assess performance data from the various agencies and consider performance issues which have been escalated by board members to the LCJB. The board will consider emerging matters, which may affect the criminal justice system e.g. the barrister strikes.
12. Performance data will be analysed by the OPCC performance analyst, who will review the various dashboards including the criminal justice scorecard and compare the performance in LLR to that of the national average and neighbouring force areas.
13. The Commissioner has been appointed as the chair, with ACC Adam Streets nominated as the Deputy Chair for an initial term of 2 years. The administration of the LCJB will be undertaken by the PCC's office.
14. The membership has reviewed and agreed the ToR (**Appendix 1**) in the first meeting with the agreement that meetings will take place bi-monthly with the scope to change this to quarterly. The next meeting is due to be held on 11 January 2023.
15. The core membership is made up of chief officers from across the various criminal justice services, however the Commissioner will seek to extend invitations to other guests to enable them to inform the agenda.

Implications

Finance:	None
Legal:	There is no legal requirement to have a Local Criminal Justice Board.
Equality:	None
Risks and Impact:	None

List of Attachments / Appendices

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference for the LCJB

Persons to Contact

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