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Sir Clive Loader
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Dear Sir Clive,

Ref: PCC- Police and Crime Plan “Commissioning Framework” 2014-2017

I have taken the opportunity to write direct to you in response to the consultation on the abovementioned item as the meeting of the Neighbourhood Services and Community Involvement Scrutiny Commission, which would have considered that on 8th September, but by then the deadline for comments on that plan will have passed.

I have given much consideration to the contents of the revised plan and have no hesitation in supporting the broad thrust, particularly in relation to the four themes which are a consequence of the strategic priorities. I do, however, have some reservations as regards its potential to secure outcomes in the area of ‘making communities and neighbourhoods safer’ (MCN) and the preparedness of partner agencies in effecting a response to ‘domestic homicide reviews’.

I make the following observations: In my experience the problem with ‘commissioning outcomes’ is that sometimes the priority focus is on the organisation’s capacity to deliver rather than the range and benefits of the service delivery to its clients and consumers who are, of course, the public at large. I am confident that the overall Commissioning Framework structure will contain relevant key performance indicators so that any agreed interim and concluding audits will confirm compliance between objectives and outcomes.

I also suggest that in strategic terms the outcomes must be sustainable so that communities can continue to benefit from the process and successes of any ventures which improve their localities, divest criminal behaviour and promote personal and social responsibility.

The MCN theme is fundamentally important and an accepted part of the Police modernisation programme of service delivery and hence its consolidation is a high priority. Its impact on the public is immense, as is its practical reach in the form of high visibility Policing in our local communities. In managing the risk to sustain its effectiveness may be compromised in any rationalisation exercise which may bring about a diminution in its resource levels. We all know that the Police culture is still very much epitomised by the single constable, close to the community, patrolling the beat with the cooperation of the general public, and that perception is the practical manifestation of the MCN and that should be retained and enhanced, at the very least to maintain public reassurance.

In relation to Domestic Homicide Reviews I suggest that overall as regards the plan, and particularly in relation to the above mentioned, a greater collaboration between partner agencies would be welcomed. It will, at the very least, ensure that there is no duplication of service provision, hence ensuring value for money and place a greater accountability as regards on duty of care in the area of public protection, rehabilitation and crime prevention.

Sincerely,

Cllr. Baljit Singh.

Chair NSCI Scrutiny Commission.

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