

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report of	OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (OPCC)
Subject	COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE TO POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
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Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the panel with an update on the activities undertaken by the Commissioner, his deputy and OPCC in relation to the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan and the Commissioner's statutory duties covering the period June 2023 – Sept 2023.
2. The report also summarises any key decisions made over the period and a summary of the performance of the OPCC.

Recommendation

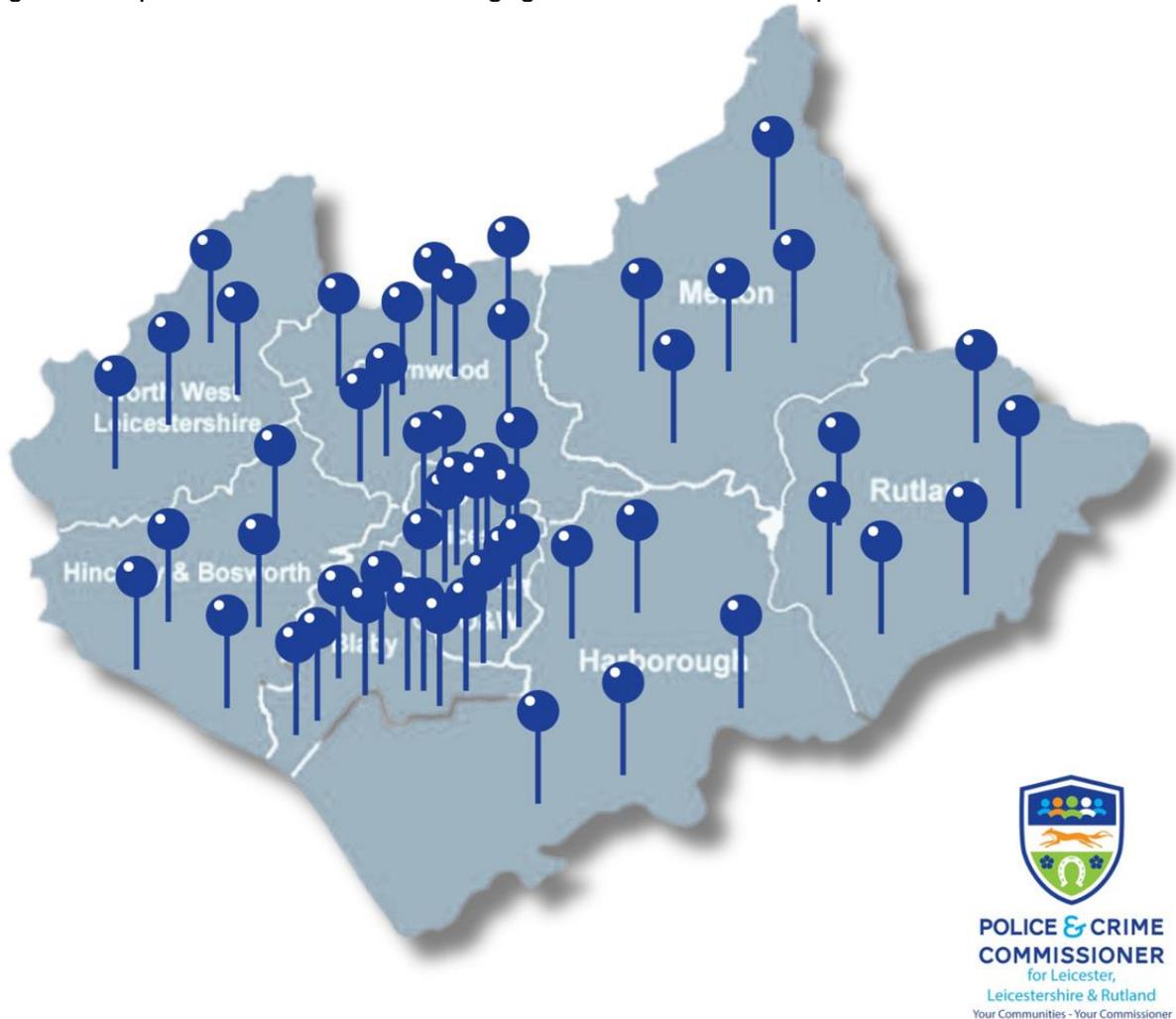
3. The panel is invited to scrutinise the contents of this report, seek assurance from the Commissioner and OPCC team regarding areas of concern, seek further information on the information pertained within the report.
4. The panel are invited to comment on the format of this update report and advise if they find this helpful in assisting them in fulfilling their duties of scrutinising the PCC in the delivery of his police and Crime plan and fulfilling his statutory duties.

The Police and Crime Commissioner

5. The Commissioner is represented at the key thematic, partnership and force local performance boards to obtain assurance that the Force and Partners are aware of the current performance threats and taking appropriate action to address the emerging challenges. Any issues of concern are reported to the Commissioner who holds the Chief Constable to account on a weekly basis.
6. The Commissioner's partnership and community engagement schedule are reported regularly through the OPCC website and the official twitter of the OPCC. The commissioner also regularly produced a blog from his community days which are available on the website.

7. Further to the weekly community visits the Commissioner has recently attended the following; a rural policing day, an ASB awareness event, the APCC general meeting, a meeting with the Home Secretary and a meeting of the Rural Crime network.
8. A map of the Commissioners engagements over the 3 month period can be seen below in figure1.

Figure1: Map of the Commissioners engagements from June-Sept



The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner:

9. Leicestershire's Deputy PCC also continues to undertake a diverse range of community engagement activities which have included attendance at New Parks community awards, Family Hubs conference, Oakham Pride, Indian Summer festival, LGBT+ Network conference and the Women's Empowerment Network launch. Formal partnership engagements have included the CSP Meetings, Strategic Partnership Board, Ethics and Transparency Panel, Combined Fire Authority etc.

The Police and Crime Commissioner's Office:

Commissioning:

10. The team are currently working on recommissioning one of the OPCCs largest contracts for Victim First which is currently out to tender due to close in October.
11. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's bid writing workshops have proved to be a massive success, as evidenced by a record number of applications being received for the first grants round. The team received over 50 applications for funding and are working through the marking and awarding process.
12. The team have recently recorded one of the face-to-face bid workshops to be able to provide this remotely to organisations that couldn't attend, further strengthening the support available to organisations to apply for funding.
13. This grants scheme channels funding into community projects that help reduce the risk of crime and abuse and increase public safety. There is £400,000 available for the 2023/2024 financial year and you may apply for up to £10,000 of funding for a twelve-month project. This maximum exists to support as many projects and initiatives as possible.

<u>Round</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>
1	3 rd July 2023	31 st July 2023
2	4 th September 2023	2 nd October 2023
3	4 th December 2023	8 th January 2024

Community Safety Partnerships

14. The team are working with each of the CSPs to review current projects and funding to agree joint media/press opportunities to highlight all the good work they are doing.
15. The DPCC and Director of Partnerships, Strategy and Commissioning have been meeting all CSP chairs and leads to further explain the four serious violence duty roles and how they will support the partnerships.

Independent Custody Visiting

16. The OPCC ICV Volunteers attended a team meeting on the 22nd June 2023, as part of Volunteers week, as such certificates were presented to the volunteers to thank them for their service. The event was covered as an article in the Leicester Mercury.
17. The team continue to achieve 100% of scheduled ICV Visits. No serious issues have been observed within these visits.
18. The OPCC will be looking to strengthen the number of volunteers available for custody visits by commencing a recruitment process later this year.

Ethics and Transparency Panel

19. The Ethics and Transparency panel met on the 28th June, at the meeting the panel received a report of dip sampled rape offences particularly focussing on the outcomes of these and raised some learning for the force on the language used throughout. The panel also reviewed live BWV footage of a stop and search on a young detainee and an arrest of an intoxicated male and discussed the proportionality of these arrests.
20. The panel agreed to also include custody record reviewing in the panels remit moving forwards. This process will look at a detainee's journey from start to finish of being brought into custody and ensure there is legitimacy and fairness in how they are treated.
21. The team have also been working to recruit further members to the Ethics and Transparency panel and have successfully recruited 3 members to strengthen the numbers. The panel will now have discussions regarding sharing the workload between members to ensure they are as far reaching to the force and OPCC as possible.

Governance

22. The OPCC team has completed the recruitment of four Independent panel members to sit on police misconduct and Police appeal tribunal cases, this is to provide resilience to the one current sitting member. The office received over 90 applications for the post and through a really competitive process appointed four incredibly strong candidates. The candidates are now receiving training and shadowing the current sitting IPM and regional colleagues.
23. The OPCC has been working closely with national Neighbourhood Watch to recruit a local co-ordinator to strengthen, revitalise and increase the members and number of watch schemes across LLR. The post has now been filled and the post holder is expected to start mid-October.
24. The team currently have 30 outstanding complaint reviews were received and are being processed by the team.
25. The panel has received a full CGB report from the April, June and July meetings, and these will continue to be brought to the panel as standing items to show the main forum in which the PCC holds the Chief Constable to account for the performance of the Force.

Safer Streets

26. Throughout August the team worked on the Safer Streets Funding round 5. An early agreed that the OPCC would submit 3 bids, a VAWG bid which the VRN would lead on, an ASB bid and a Neighbourhood crime bid which the OPCC would lead on.
27. There was a considerable effort by all involved to pull together the OPCC bids, summarised below;
 - Proposal 1 – VAWG - £315,568
 - Proposal 2 – ASB – Melton - £313,967.89
 - Proposal 3 – Neighbourhood Crime – Oadby and Wigston - £331,055.45
 - Total Bid amount - £960,591.34

28. The outcome of the bids is anticipated to be provided by the end of September at which point a full briefing to the panel can be provided.

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