



SaferMK Partnership Discussion Report

Subject: Neighbourhood Policing report

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To receive a presentation on Neighbourhood Policing in Milton Keynes.
- 1.2 Concerns have been raised both by national media and HMIC regarding the future of Neighbourhood Policing capacity in forces where response and investigative responsibilities have crowded out community based activity focused on prevention, building public confidence and crime reduction.
- 1.3 The operating environment for policing remains challenging and uncertain. Thames Valley Police like other forces will experience further organisational change over the coming years. There is a requirement to reconfigure policing to meet changing demands and increasing expectations at a time of reducing financial resources.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the presentation is received and feedback provided by Partners.
- 2.2 That recommendation(s) are developed if appropriate after receiving the presentation.

3. Comments/Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Group

- 3.1 There are no specific comments in relation this report. However it is a statutory obligation for the Committee to hold the activities and performance of the Partnership and its partners to account.
- 3.2 Both the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable presented their annual reports in March 2015 to the Community Safety Crime and Policing Select Committee where resources and neighbourhood policing were presented.
- 3.3 The Committee noted "*Neighbourhood policing was central to the TVP approach and the Strategy, due to be considered, would seek to preserve the visibility of the police. There was a need to balance effective response to emergencies with neighbourhood policing and to*

decide whether a smaller number of dedicated officers would be more efficient” [11 March 2015 CSCP Select Committee minutes](#)

4. Background

- 4.1 The SaferMK Partnership last received a briefing on Neighbourhood Policing in 2012.

5. Implications to SaferMK Partnership

- 5.1 There are no direct implications for SaferMK Partnership, although any changes to any statutory organisation could have an impact on the responsibilities of the Partnership under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to reduce crime and anti social behaviour.

6. Other considerations / Key Partnership Involvement

- 6.1 Neighbourhood policing could have an impact on a number of stakeholders, businesses and residents.

7. Attachments/Background Papers

- 7.1 For information only Thames Valley Police’s response to the funding challenge; HMIC report July 2013.