

**Devon and Cornwall Police Authority Planning and Consultation Committee
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Report of C/Supt Ansell Commander Professional Standards and Performance Department

Corporate Planning Progress 2007/08

Recommendation(s):

- (i) To note the updates within this briefing covering the requirements of the new Policing Plan arrangements.**
- (ii) To note the attached timeline providing details of the target setting process and checkpoints.**
- (iii) To agree that the Police Authority lead delivery of one of the HMIC Citizen Focus Inspection specific grading criteria. (Inspection due to be conducted in May 2008)**

Introduction / Summary

1. The Policing Plan arrangements for 2008 onwards are subject to change following the introduction of the Police and Justice Act 2006. The requirements and impact are summarised in sections 5 to 10 below.
2. The Force target setting process has been amended to take account of recent changes to Local Area Agreement arrangements, and following the publication of new CDRP requirements. Current proposals are outlined within sections 11 to 13 below.
3. The timeline provided at section 13 outlines how the planning and target setting cycles complement existing national requirements.
4. The HMIC Citizen Focus Inspection grading criteria were released on 8 October 2007, several of which relate to information gathered through consultation processes. Of particular relevance to the remit of the Committee is the following criteria:

'There is an understanding of who the customer is and action is taken to canvas the wider community on their expectations of service. Findings are used to shape service development and feedback is given to communities regarding this. (for example the force has taken steps to engage with harder to hear sections of the community through targeted activity such as emerging immigrant communities and has utilised information found to develop a protocol. Feedback via media, website, meetings and other targeted methods)'

Background Information

5. The Local Policing Plan The duty to produce the Local Policing Plan (LPP) remains that of the Police Authority, in conjunction with the Chief Officer of the Police Force. LPPs are required to cover 3 years and replace the requirement for previous Annual Policing Plans and Strategic Plans.
6. Further confirmation regarding items to include within the LPP are awaited although present information suggests that it remains similar to that of the previous requirements. Two additions have however been quoted – information regarding Collaboration and the Protective Services Improvement Plan.
7. The Home Office are currently advising to follow the existing guidance (dated 2003) in order to produce the 2008/11 plan. A strong preference for the issue of revised guidance has been fed back to the Home Office but confirmation that this will be available is awaited.

8. The requirement to prepare an Annual Report (AR) as soon as possible after the start of the financial year remains but the Home Office is looking at streamlining how these are prepared and asking Police Authorities to consider linking with the information in the Local Policing Summary.
9. The issue date of the LPP remains as by the end of March each year. The AR has to be published 'as soon as possible after the start of the financial year' but will be dependant on availability of 12-month performance data.
10. Method of publication of both the LPP and AR remain at the discretion of the Police Authority and will be discussed during planned focus groups which are to be formulated. Liaison with the Marketing and Communications Department to gather advice on this area has commenced.
11. The Target Setting Process In support of the requirement to produce 3-year plans, the Constabulary will also set 3-year targets. These will be prepared with annual 'healthcheck' milestones in place in order to track progress and allow for an annual refresh of the 3-year plan.
12. In order to ensure that Constabulary targets reflect the priority areas of the 4/5 Local Area Agreements (LAAs) (Cornwall, Plymouth, Torbay, Devon, and soon Isles of Scilly), a feedback procedure has been established with Constabulary representatives. This will allow representatives to enter LAA negotiations with the aims and Force Strategy borne in mind, and ensure some level of consistency of targets throughout the Force area.
13. A timeline showing alignment of the planning cycle and target setting process against national requirements is provided below:

DATE	NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	PLANNING CYCLE	TARGET SETTING
Mid/Late Oct 2007	A list of the national indicator set 'headline definitions' as part of CSR07 announcements Phase 2 of the Operational Guidance for LAAs and MAAs	New planning guidance expected	
1 Nov 07	Police Authority Community Engagement Committee		
Nov 2007	A consultation draft of the statutory guidance on place shaping (dependant on Royal Assent of LGPIH Bill) A consultation document on the new CAA framework (published jointly by the inspectorates) A consultation document on the technical definitions underpinning the national indicator set Announcement of Strategic Policing Priorities	Start to gather information for local policing plan, based on requirements in new guidance Guidance received from Home Office, subject to decision	Continue liaison/feedback with partnership representatives to maintain links between Force aims and local priorities in order to inform Force targets
Autumn 2007	The National Improvement and Efficiency Strategy Framework		
7 Dec 07	Full Police Authority Meeting		
Dec 2007		Drafting of local policing plan and Departmental Business Plans	Draft Force targets linked to LAA priorities
9/10 Jan 08	Chief Officers Group Planning Event		
23 Jan 08	Police Authority Seminar		

Jan / Feb 2008	Final guidance on technical definitions underpinning the national indicator set	3-year policing plan agreed by Police Authority	Identification of APACS Strategic Performance Indicators Force targets agreed by Police Authority
31 Jan 08	Police Authority Community Engagement Committee		
15 Feb 08	Full Police Authority Meeting		
13 Mar 08	Police Authority Community Engagement Committee		
14 Mar 08	Police Authority Seminar		
March 2008		'Issue' 3-year policing plan and commencement of Departmental Business Plans	
Summer 2008	Agreement of LAA targets and indicators between with Central Government		

14. HMIC Citizen Focus grading criteria There will need to be evidence of activity against the criteria referred to in section 4 above. This is a matter the Police Authority may wish to take the lead upon delivering.

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Target Setting & HMIC Inspection grading criteria

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