

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority Community Engagement Committee

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Report of the Chief Executive

Consultation Update

Recommendation

- (i) That the contents of this report are noted

Introduction

1. This report is to keep Members informed of current and planned consultations.
2. This report will also outline where progress has been made in relation to the two consultation priorities identified for 2008/2009.
3. A summary of key results will be presented at the next meeting.

Background Information

4. **Disability Show:** On the 6th of June four members of staff attended the South West Disability Show. A quick one-page survey was carried out to assess the opinions of policing in relation to the two priorities. In addition, details were taken of individuals and organisations who expressed interest in taking part in future consultation. Results of the survey will be presented to the committee shortly.
5. **Youth Engagement:**
Exeter College: Antoinette Buisman and Graham Davey recently carried out a community engagement exercise with students at Exeter College. These students are studying for a national diploma in Public Services. The students carried out presentations on the effects of socio-cultural and technological changes on a public sector organisation. The topics students could choose from included: use of cameras, underage drinking, effects of immigration, DNA, and use of/reclassification of cannabis. After each presentation feedback was given to the students.
Plymouth City College: David Money invited Graham Davey, Richard Martin and Antoinette Buisman to take part in the final phase of a Youth Initiative with Foundation Degree students enrolled on the Public Services Course at Plymouth's City College. This included attending formal presentations made by the students on their research findings. Guests included representatives from the Force (ACC Netherton, BCU Commander Jo Tennant), Cornwall Magistrates (Carl Wallin), and Plymouth Racial Equality Council.
Kongomana: At the end of July, the Authority will be consulting with young people at a yearly youth festival held in Bicton for 13-19 year olds. It is estimated that around 800 young people will be attending this year. A variety of activities focussing on consultation and raising awareness will be carried out during the day.
6. **Pride Festival:**
 - On the 7th of June the Authority was represented at the Plymouth Pride Festival with 4 members of staff attending the event. The survey used for the Disability Show was adapted for the Pride event and 87 individuals filled the survey out. Staff talked to roughly 100

people on the day about the Authority. Details of the results will be available to the committee shortly.

- The Authority will be represented at the Cornwall Pride Festival held in Truro on the 23rd of August. A similar survey used at Plymouth will be used during this event.

7. **University Consultation and Engagement:** Meetings with the Universities of Exeter and Plymouth have been held to discuss possible collaboration over the past few months, which have been successful.

University of Exeter: Several meetings have been held with the Business Relations Department, Employability Office, Guild of Students and Academic Services to discuss collaboration and consultation opportunities at the Exeter campuses and Tremough campus. From these meetings several options have been discussed:

- (1) Freshers Squash: The Authority will have a stand during the largest single event in the Exeter student calendar (October), approximately 5,000 students will be attending. This is a valuable opportunity to consult and engage with all students.
- (2) Focus groups and Q&A sessions: These could be run during the academic year with discussions focussing on the consultation priorities.
- (3) Online surveys: Questions used in the public survey could be asked through online surveys and these could be run throughout the academic year and changed accordingly.

University of Plymouth: A meeting was held with the Dean of Students and similar options to those mentioned above were discussed (including Marjon students).

University College Falmouth: Meetings have not yet been held or arranged, however this possibility will be explored.

8. **Respect Festival:**

- On the 12th of July, the some staff will be attending the Exeter Respect Festival to consult and engage with the public. The Authority was invited by the organisers to come back again this year.

9. **Police Authority Panels:**

- 11 members of the Devon Panel met on the 2nd of June to discuss the two consultation priorities. A facilitator from the University of Exeter ran the meeting and the discussions were recorded.
- 9 members of the Cornwall Panel will be meeting on the 23rd of June to discuss the same topics and a facilitator from the University of Exeter will be running the meeting.

Full reports for both meetings will be presented at the next committee meeting

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