

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority Community Engagement Committee

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Report of the Chief Executive

HMIC Inspection report of Neighbourhood Policing & Developing Citizen Focus Policing

Recommendation

- (i) That the Committee note the contents of the HMIC report.
- (ii) That the Committee indicates how it wishes to oversee progress towards delivering the recommendations.

Introduction

1. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's (HMIC's) report into the way the Force is developing Neighbourhood and Citizen Focused Policing is presented for the Committee's consideration.

Background Information

2. Earlier this year, HMIC visited the Force to conduct an inspection of the way Neighbourhood Policing has been implemented in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. It is complemented by an assessment of how the Force is developing citizen focused policing strategies alongside this.
3. This is the first time these two critical areas of policing have been assessed by HMIC and as such, provides a baseline on which to determine future progress.
4. The HMIC inspect against a set of Specific Grading Criteria. These are negotiated between the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate and result in a set of agreed national standards.
5. As a result of inspection, HMIC conclude on whether the Force meets the standard, exceeds the standard or fails to meet the standard.
6. For the Neighbourhood Policing and Developing Citizen Focus Policing inspection the Force is assessed as 'Meets the Standard' for both strands. The full report is attached at *Annex A*.
7. HMIC made five recommendations. These form part of an action plan and are monitored via the Continuous Improvement Database within the Professional Standards and Performance Department.
8. Members are asked to consider the HMIC's report and agree how it wishes to monitor progress of the recommendations and/or other observations raised in the report.

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