

**PART ONE**

**ITEM 17**

**To:** Joint Audit Committee

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**Title:** Report on OPCC Partnership Working

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**Purpose of report**

As requested by the Committee, to outline the key areas where the PCC and his supporting office working in partnership with other agencies.

**Recommendation**

The Committee notes the report.

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**Equality and Human Rights Implications:** None arising

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**Risk:** No specific risks arise from this report.

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The PCC and his supporting Office (the OPCC) work with a wide range of partners. There are a number of statutory working arrangements that the PCC is required to have in place and a network of other partners which the OPCC works with in order to achieve the aims set out the Police and Crime Plan for Surrey.
- 1.2 The OPCC works with 100's of different partners, including councils, victim support agencies, voluntary groups, charities, residents associations etc. The key partnership arrangements are described below.

## 2. Policing Bodies

- 2.1 Clearly the OPCC has a great deal of contact with **Surrey Police**. This contact is across the organisation, not only holding Surrey Police to account but working in partnership (for example with those supporting victims, with the finance team, with custody staff) to achieve joint aims.
- 2.2 The OPCC needs to work closely with the **Surrey Police and Crime Panel** as this is the body that holds the PCC to account. The OPCC works with officers and members on agenda setting and information provision so that each body can carry out their statutory duties.
- 2.3 As the Committee will be aware, **Sussex OPCC and Sussex Police** are key partners due to the work on collaboration between Surrey and Sussex Police. The OPCC works closely with the staff of the Sussex OPCC to provide governance and oversight to the collaboration project.
- 2.4 Similarly the OPCC works closely with other **PCC offices**, particularly in the South East. There are joint specialist crime and counter terrorism units in the South East as well as a joint ICT platform. We work with other OPCCs to jointly govern these arrangements and to discuss where future regional collaboration can make savings. The Surrey OPCC may also work with other OPCCs around

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the county to share expertise, gain best practice or work on areas of common interest.

- 2.5 The PCC and his office take an active part in the national bodies and networks for PCCs. There is an **Association of PCCs** which Mr Hurley and his deputy attends and takes part in their national working groups. The Chief Executive is a member of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners' Chief Executives, **APACE**, and the Treasurer is part of the Police Authority Treasurers' Society, **PATS**. These national organisations allow the Surrey OPCC to influence national debates and legislation, to pick up best practice and to receive mentoring support.
- 2.6 The PCC and his office also have regular contact with the Home Office, the Ministry of Justice, MPs and other Government Departments involved in policing as well as those involved in scrutinising policing, such as **Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabularies (HMIC)** and the **Independent Police Complaints Committee (IPCC)**.

### 3. Local Authorities

- 3.1 Another main set of statutory partners for the OPCC are local authorities. The OPCC works with **Surrey County Council** and each of the **11 Boroughs and Districts** in Surrey to deliver against the 'and crime' part of the PCC's role.
- 3.2 Within each Local Authority the PCC will work closely with the Leader and other key politicians, most notably the portfolio holders for community safety. Officers will work with key individuals but in particular the Community Safety Teams. These Teams will be the main point of contact and responsible for the management of the **Community Safety Partnerships**, an important local group who predominately work to reduce ASB and make communities safer. These teams also assist the OPCC in planning and holding annual Crime Summits.
- 3.3 Much of what the PCC aims to deliver needs the support of the Local Authorities, most notably the **Joint Enforcement Teams (JET)**. The JET is a project which

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integrates the work of the Police and Local Authority to take a zero tolerance approach to address low level crime, antisocial behaviour, on street parking management and environmental crime. Reigate and Banstead Borough Council and Spelthorne Borough Council both agreed to act as pilot sites and have developed difference approaches, variation on the theme above, to delivering the project. A full evaluation of the project is due in June.

- 3.4 Funding and leadership has also been provided for Local Authority scheme such as Junior Citizens and Senior Citizens events. The PCC's office also maintains good working relationships with Chief Executives of the local authorities, treasurers, communications officers and, at appropriate times, election staff. The PCC meets regularly with the leader and Chief Executive of Surrey County Council.

#### 4. Other Emergency Services

- 4.1 The OPCC works with **Fire and Rescue** and the **Ambulance Service** on a number of different projects. Of most note is the Emergency Service Collaboration work which aims to join up the services in Surrey and in Sussex to deliver training, response technology and, in the future, call handling to make savings. The OPCC also works jointly with these organisations on local resilience planning and the Mental Health Concordiat. In addition, the PCC ensures good contacts are maintained with the **armed forces** to aid with event planning and counter terrorism work.

#### 5. Victim Support Agencies

- 5.1 Since September 2014, the Ministry of Justice, MoJ, has passed responsibility for determining and commissioning support services for victims to local PCCs. The Surrey OPCC has jointly (with Sussex and Thames Valley OPCCs) commissioned **Victim Support** to provide a referral, assessment and local support service victims of crime in Surrey, at an annual cost of £407,980. In addition, the OPCC provides grants to a number of specialist support providers including **domestic abuse charities, support for victims of sexual assault**

**and women's refuges** – see appendix two for a full list of grant-making during 2015/16. The OPCC works with these support agencies to determine the needs for support for victims in Surrey, manage the contracts and evaluate grants.

## **6. Local Community Groups**

- 6.1 The PCC works with local groups in a number of way, supporting a local initiative, speaking at an event or welcoming groups to the office to discuss issues.
- 6.2 On significant area the PCC works with local groups is via the Community Safety Fund. The CSF was awarded to Police and Crime Commissioners by the Home Office. Initially this funding was in addition to the Home Office main police grant and was to be used specifically to commission services to meet the Commissioner's Priorities, improve community safety in the force area, tackle drugs and crime and reduce re-offending. The money was not ring-fenced and PCC's had the freedom and flexibility to use the money as they saw fit to support their wider crime prevention priorities.
- 6.3 The CSF was to enable a smooth transition to a new model of police funding and from 2014-15, the CSF was incorporated permanently into the main Police Grant provided to police forces by the Home Office. In Surrey the PCC decided to maintain a community grant and in 2014/15 £659,000 was made available.
- 6.4 Attached to this report is a list of all those awarded funding in 2014/15.
- 6.5 In addition to provision of funding, the PCC, Deputy PCC, Assistant PCC and the PCC's advisor on equality and diversity issues meet with a wide range of community groups on a regular basis. The aims of these meetings are to understand local concerns and ensure good relations with local policing. The many groups that are engaged with include Woking Taxi Drivers Association, residents groups, local community panel meetings, colleges, schools and student groups.

## **7. Criminal Justice Partners**

7.1 The PCC works with those involved in the wider criminal justice arena to collectively work to hold those to account for committing crime. Through regular Criminal Justice Board meetings and other informal networks and meetings the PCC and his office aim to ensure join-up through the system for victims and offenders and efficient working practices. Agencies include **courts, the Crown Prosecution Service, Community Rehabilitation Companies, Prisons and the Youth Offending Team.**

## **8. Other Partners**

8.1 The above sections detail the main partners that the PCC and his office engage with to fulfil their responsibilities. Other partners include media organisations, the health sector, the private sector (in particular the Deputy PCC is involved in a project working with private and public sector partners to prevent cybercrime), auditors, the Independent Advisory Group and individual members of the public

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**Appendix one**

Below is a list of specialist support funded for victims of crime during 2015/16:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Summary</b>	<b>Grant Awarded</b>
<i>Skaterham</i>	Support a trip to Cornwall for a group of disenfranchised young people at risk of offending or exclusion from school.	£3540
<i>Leatherhead Youth Project</i>	Support a weekly drop-in session for young men aged 14-18 who have been identified by the police as a concern or who are vulnerable/disadvantaged.	£3500
<i>Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum</i>	Funding awarded to run a one year project to address Domestic Abuse, Drug and Alcohol use, Gambling, and Mental Illness, focusing on awareness, prevention, reducing stigma and partnership support.	£10,000
<i>Surrey Young Witness Service</i>	Train and develop a new team of volunteers to support 4 to 11 year olds while they view their previously recorded video evidence.	£3,950
<i>The Eikon Charity</i>	Provide football coaching sessions once a week over a period	£3945
<i>York Road Project</i>	York Road support repeat offenders and this project aims to offer clients support back into employment by offering them tangible skills and boosting their self-esteem and confidence.	£3,781
<i>Peer Productions</i>	An educational theatre charity, was awarded to deliver workshops to junior schools to raise awareness of topics such as abuse in relationships, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse.	£12,000
<i>Surrey Police Syria Community Consultation Event</i>	A conference in Woking to engage the local communities with Police, Home Office and Foreign Office officials.	£500
<i>Surrey County Council E-Safety Conference</i>	One day conference to raise awareness of the dangers faced by children and young people on the internet.	£5000
<i>Surrey Fire and Rescue</i>	Annual event to improve the road safety awareness of young people to improve attitudes	£35,000

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<i>Safe Drive, Stay Alive</i>	to responsible driving.	
<i>Surrey County Council Gypsy Skills</i>	Alternative education for young people from a Gypsy background who have disengaged from the education system.	£12,600
<i>Redeploy</i>	Redeploy was a newly formed social enterprise, with the strategic aim of creating work for disadvantaged military personnel who have difficulty returning to civilian life.	£12,000
<i>Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Home Security Scheme</i>	Support for elderly and vulnerable people in the community to improve their personal safety or within their homes.	£2,300
<i>Surrey Care Trust East Surrey Offender Mentoring</i>	Support them in working with 15 community based ex-offenders who were at risk of re-offending, but are no longer receiving Probation support.	£8,880
<i>Surrey Fire and Rescue Youth Engagement Scheme</i>	The YES course delivers targeted interventions and support to young people who have been identified, for a number of reasons, as being at risk of involvement in youth crime or anti-social behaviour.	£17,500
<i>Surrey Heath CSP Client Support Pilot Project</i>	Flexible home support which provides specialised support depending on the client's circumstances.	£3,520
<i>Surrey Police Cyber Champions – Family Fun Day</i>	The promotional material included quizzes for parents, children and teenagers, providing top tips to stay smart and safe online and signposting on where to get help and information.	£3,000
<i>Surrey Police Operation Nightguard</i>	Replace the mobile camera in a CCTV van	£6,780
<i>Surrey Police Junior Citizens</i>	Support the partnership in Runnymede in delivering Junior Citizen	£5,000



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<i>Surrey Police Op Shed –a - Thief</i>	Funding to run an operation to make bicycles less attractive to thieves by datatag marking the bicycles and supplying signs to make the thieves aware they are tagged.	£4,000
<i>The Bridge Project</i>	12 week peer to peer support programme for adults recovering from alcohol dependence in Woking.	£4,000
<i>Surrey Police Opening Doors</i>	To hold an event to give police staff a better understanding of disability hate crime, its impact on victims and to improve the victim and witness care.	£7,000
<i>Surrey County Council Truecall Care</i>	To run a pilot project which will protect vulnerable residents from scam and unwanted telephone calls by installing trueCall Care units in their homes.	£8,000
<i>17<sup>th</sup> Reigate Scout Group</i>	Fund a door access system of the new scout hut.	£3,919
<i>Brockham Youth Council</i>	Installation of the Brockham Jubilee Skatepark.	£12,500
<i>Chobham Rugby Club</i>	Install high definition security CCTV with recording capability to protect the grounds and buildings in order to deter theft and damage to property	£2,500
<i>Cranleigh and District Neighbourhood Watch</i>	Awarded to support the local group by holding regular meetings and encouraging new schemes in the area.	£810
<i>Eagle Radio</i>	Deliver assemblies, workshops & Senior Management meetings at Secondary and Independent schools across Surrey to deliver information on the risk of the internet and how to stay safe.	£34,740
<i>Epsom and Ewell Community Safety Partnership PubWatch</i>	run a campaign starting in 2015 to create a zero tolerance to any drug and illegal substance activity taking place in or around their venues.	£500
<i>KeepOut</i>	Diversion scheme to be delivered by dedicated teams of serving prisoners – managed by civilian staff inside UK prisons.	£34,000
<i>Knaphill Cabin</i>	Sessions which offers the chance for the young	£6,389.50

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<i>Youth Club</i>	people to take part in sports based positive activities particularly football to create safer, stronger and respectful communities	
<i>Mountains to Molehills</i>	Development of a new anti-social behaviour course 'Being the Target'.	£3,800
<i>Surrey Police Muslim and Cultural Liaison Officers</i>	Establishment of Muslim and Cultural Liaison Officers	£600
<i>Surrey Youth Focus</i>	Series of workshops at local Youth Clubs and/or schools and colleges to help stimulate young people to spot a problem and come up with ideas to solve it, causing them to think about how they can contribute to their communities.	
<i>The Amber Foundation</i>	The purchase three extra computers and a printer.	£4,900
<i>The Matrix Trust</i>	Engaging with local communities to deliver good quality youth work.	£32,304
<i>Transform Housing and Support</i>	Proving supported housing for people with a history of offending.	£2,000
<i>Woking Borough Council Woking Junior Citizen</i>	Woking Junior Citizen event	£5,000
<i>Woking Borough Council Woking Social Inclusion Project</i>	Run a social inclusion project aimed at 10-16 year olds living in the Barnsbury and Maybury areas of Woking	£9,000
<i>Woking Borough Council Woking Women's Self Defence Project</i>	Six week self-defence courses for ladies in Woking –over a 12 month period.	£1,140
<i>Yes +</i>	Support to 6 new school sites in Woking and prolific young offenders who are in the criminal justice system through SYSS.	£11,500
<i>Prevention through Education</i>	Initiative to educate and train the Trustees and Management Committees of Community Buildings in crime prevention, fire safety and premises licensing, through six comprehensive	£15,000

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	capacity building training days with follow-up support.	
<i>Surrey Heath Young Citizen Scheme</i>	Surrey Heath Partnership funding to cover the costs associated with running a 3 day event to educate approx. 450 year 7 children on safety in Surrey Heath.	£3,575
<i>Surrey Neighbourhood Watch – Stay Safe Booklets</i>	Printing of 15,000 copies of National Neighbourhood Watch Stay Safe booklets, for distribution across Surrey.	£2,258
<i>Surrey Police Elmbridge Young Persons Awards</i>	delivery of an awards ceremony which will be held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> of June to recognise the outstanding young people of the Elmbridge area	£1,500
<i>Surrey Police Op Edisto</i>	The Operation will raise awareness of courier scams that are being carried out in the local area particularly targeting the elderly and vulnerable.	£3,000
<i>Surrey Search and Rescue</i>	replacement 4x4 vehicle to be used by the Surrey Search and Rescue Team.	£32,459.08
<i>Walton-on-Thames Cricket Club</i>	install CCTV surveillance system	£6344.40
<i>Windle Valley Youth Project</i>	Windle Valley Youth Project buy and equip a vehicle for mobile youth work provision	£34,300
<i>Woking Youth Centre</i>	Purchase new equipment.	£1,655.94
<i>Diocese Of Guildford Bridges Youth Mentoring Project</i>	The scheme provides trained volunteer adult mentors to support young people aged 15 to 19 years (with some flexibility in ages) who have been identified as becoming involved in antisocial behaviour, low level crime or who are at risk of offending.	£10,000
<i>Surrey County Council Surrey Youth Support Team</i>	As part of the YRI offer, a specific Substance Misuse YRI is available to address substance related offending to divert young people from formal criminal justice processes.	£54,000

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**Appendix two**

Below is a list of specialist support funded for victims of crime during 2015/16:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Summary</b>	<b>Grant Awarded</b>
Chapter 1	Pack of living essentials for refuge clients	£10,000
Chapter 1	Children's service in refuge	£4,882
East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (ESDAS)	County-wide Independent Domestic Violence Advisor service for Special Domestic Violence Court	£92,816
East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (ESDAS)	County-wide children's service	£69,436
East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (ESDAS)	County-wide Outreach provision as part of SLA with Surrey Police and SCC	£90,000
East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (ESDAS)	County-wide Freedom Programme	£10,000
Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid Refuge	Pack of living essentials for refuge clients	£11,970
Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid Refuge	Family therapy and Saturday Children's Club in refuge	£17,415
Surrey Police	Witness Care Officer	£23,668
Surrey Police	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference Co-ordinator	£29,868
yourSanctuary	County-wide domestic abuse men's service	£22,000
yourSanctuary	Children's service in refuge	£15,000
yourSanctuary	Pack of living essentials in refuge	£12,340