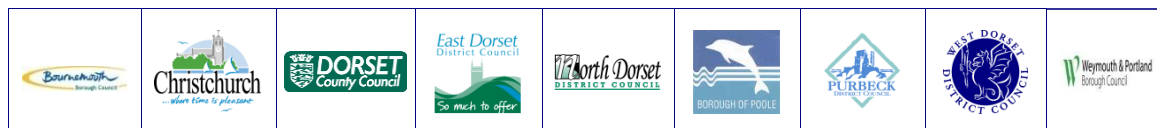


Agenda item:

# Dorset Police and Crime Panel



Date of Meeting	8 September 2016
Officer	Chief Executive, Dorset County Council
<b>Subject of Report</b>	<b>Firearms Licencing – Spotlight Scrutiny Review Scoping Document</b>
Executive Summary	<p>At the last meeting of the Police and Crime Panel the Group Manager (Governance &amp; Assurance) reminded the Panel of various approaches to scrutiny that were available, which would enable the timely advance of scrutiny work outside of formal meetings.</p> <p>To trial the approach discussions have been held with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to progress such work.</p> <p>In response to this Panel members have identified the subject of Firearms Licencing as being an issue of interest to the public. It is also one of those areas specifically identified as an 'Issue Under Commissioner Scrutiny (IUCS)'. It is therefore proposed it is selected as an area for an early trial and specific focus for a 'spotlight' scrutiny review. The term 'spotlight' refers to a targeted review process in the form of a timely, focused and proportionate assessment of a specific topic to assess levels of assurance.</p> <p>In the case of the Police and Crime Panel it is important to be clear that any scrutiny review we undertake is specifically designed to assess the Police and Crime Commissioners role in holding the Police to account. It is not for the PCP to seek to directly hold the Police Force to account.</p> <p>To support the review a draft 'Scrutiny Scoping and Planning Document' has been produced to set out the rationale; criteria; and key lines of</p>

	enquiry that will guide the review process. It also confirms the names of those members of the PCP who have offered to pilot this review approach. The document is included as Appendix A.
Impact Assessment:	<i>Equalities Impact Assessment:</i> There are not considered to be any issues associated with this report.
	<i>Use of Evidence:</i> The review process will seek necessary assurances through a focused and proportionate review of evidence against the key lines of enquiry.
	<i>Budget:</i> Other than member and officer time of the Panel and the OPCC there are not considered to be any additional costs associated with the review process.
	<i>Risk Assessment:</i> Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as: Current Risk: LOW Residual Risk: LOW Other Implications: None
Recommendation	That the Panel supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) A proactive approach to the scrutiny of topics outside of formal panel meeting</li> <li>ii) The scope and approach to an early review of Firearms Licencing.</li> </ul>
Reason for Recommendation	To agree the scope and coverage of the spotlight scrutiny review of Firearms Licencing.
Appendices	Appendix A – Firearms Licencing – Scrutiny Scoping & Planning Document
Background Papers	None
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