



Dorset Police and Crime Panel Scrutiny Review - Planning & Scoping Document

FIREARMS LICENCING

<p>What is the Purpose of the Review?</p>	<p>Purpose: To review the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) arrangements which ensure a reduction of threat, risk and harm to the public through effective Firearms Licencing in Dorset.</p>
<p>What are the Criteria for Selection?</p>	<p>Rationale for topic selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The PCC has identified Firearms Licencing as a specific 'Issue Under Commissioner's Scrutiny (IUCS)'; ii) Members of the PCP are aware of public feedback and the review will therefore help to amplify the voices and concerns of the public; iii) Provides an opportunity for the Panel to seek assurance of PCC action. iv) Provides a focused review mechanism to assist the PCC drive improvement in public services.
<p>What are the Indicators of Success?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What factors / outcomes will demonstrate that this Scrutiny Review has been a success?</i> 	<p>Success Factors: The review will seek to establish whether the PCC has ensured that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) An effective and efficient Firearms Licencing system exists in Dorset? ii) A clear & accessible system is in place? iii) Firearms Licencing in Dorset adheres to the Firearms Act and all relevant legislation. Especially: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. An appropriate and proportionate risk assessment methodology is used? b. Verification and checking procedures exist? c. Evidence exists of refusal and removal of firearms licences? iv) Changes introduced have reduced the risk of future backlog. v) The arrangements deliver 'Value for Money' (e.g. <i>the charging levels are appropriate to avoid excessive draw on police budgets</i>)



<p>What Methodology / Approach is to be followed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What types of enquiry will be used to gather evidence.</i> 	<p>Scrutiny Approach: It is proposed that a short, focused and timely ‘Spotlight’ scrutiny review approach is utilised on this occasion.</p> <p>A small number of PCP members will form a Task & Finish Group to work with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to perform this review exercise.</p> <p>The Group will utilise a structured approach, offered through the Outcome Based Accountability (OBA) methodology (planning, performance and accountability) to assist in its work.</p> <p><u>Supporting Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOE)</u> (for discussion with the PCC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>What is the current position (baseline) / history (trend)?</i> ○ <i>If nothing is done where is the trend heading, is this OK?</i> ○ <i>What’s helping and hindering the trend?</i> ○ <i>Are services making a difference?</i> ○ <i>Are they providing Value for Money?</i> ○ <i>What additional information / research is needed?</i> ○ <i>Who are the key partners we need to be working with?</i> ○ <i>What could work to turn the trend in the right direction?</i> ○ <i>What is the PCP’s role and specific contribution?</i>
<p>What specific resources & budget requirements are there? <i>What support is required for the review exercise?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>specialist staff</i> • <i>any external support</i> • <i>site visits</i> • <i>consultation</i> • <i>research</i> 	<p>Resource requirements: There are not considered to be any additional costs associated with the proposed review exercise.</p>
<p>Are any Corporate Risks associated with this Review?</p>	<p><i>(Note: Will need to be verified against the PCC’s Risk Register)</i></p>
<p>Who will receive the review conclusions and any resultant recommendations?</p>	<p>The outcomes from this review exercise will be presented to the Police and Crime Panel.</p> <p>A copy of the report, together with any recommendations as agreed by the PCP, will be communicated to the PCC for formal consideration.</p>



<p>What is the Review Timescale?</p>	<p>This 'Spotlight' scrutiny review will be a short, focused and timely piece of work.</p> <p>The aim is to progress this work, in conjunction with the OPCC, over the coming weeks.</p> <p>The intention is to present a summary of the outcomes to the PCP meeting in <u>November 2016</u>.</p> <p>Dependent upon the outcomes from the review a decision will be taken as to whether there is a need to schedule any follow-up work to verify any necessary areas for improvement.</p>
<p>Who will lead the Review Exercise?</p>	<p>The PCP nominated representatives for this review will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mike Short – PCP Vice Chairman ○ Iain McVie – PCP Independent Member ○ Mark Taylor – PCP Lead Officer
<p>Media Interest / Publicity</p>	<p>Media Interest Assessment: This review exercise has been classified as <u>LOW</u> when assessed against wider public interest.</p> <p>Will this review be subject to a press embargo? No</p> <p>Who is the lead communications contact?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah Johnstone (DCC Communications Manager) <p>Who is the designated spokesperson for the Scrutiny Review (Elected Member & Officer)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mike Short (PCP Member representative) - Mark Taylor (PCP Officer representative)
<p>Completed by: Date: July 2016</p>	<p>Mike Short – PCP Vice-Chairman of PCP Mark Taylor – PCP Lead Officer</p>
<p>Approved by PCP Committee Date:</p>	