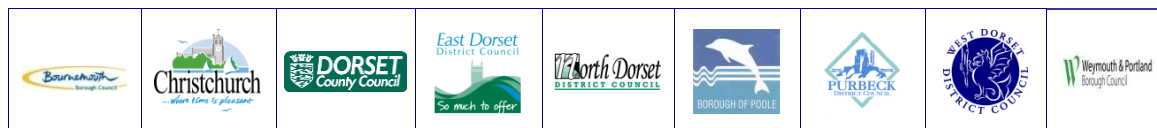


Agenda item:

Dorset Police and Crime Panel



Date of Meeting	29 June 2017
Officer	Chief Executive, Dorset County Council
Subject of Report	Firearms Licencing Spotlight Scrutiny Review
Executive Summary	<p>The Police and Crime Panel has committed to a structured process of scrutiny review work. To this end the Panel will recall that it supported a proposal to undertake a spotlight scrutiny review of Firearms Licencing.</p> <p>In undertaking these pieces of work it is important to be clear that any scrutiny review that the Panel commissions is specifically designed to assess the Police and Crime Commissioners role in holding the Police to account. It is not for the Police and Crime Panel to seek to directly hold the Police Force to account.</p> <p>For this particular review the Panel appointed Iain McVie, Mike Short and Cllr Andrew Kerby to form a Task & Finish Group to perform the necessary work.</p> <p>On completion of their work they have compiled their final report, attached at Appendix A, for formal presentation to the Police and Crime Panel.</p> <p>Overall the Group is pleased to report that they have arrived at a very positive conclusion about the outcomes from this review process. It has delivered the Task & Finish Group with a high level of assurance in respect of the current arrangements.</p> <p>Also, in the true spirit of constructive scrutiny, the Panel will see that the Task & Finish Group has included some suggested 'scrutiny observations for</p>

	<p>the Police and Crime Commissioner to consider’, which we hope that he will find helpful.</p> <p>As a further output from their work the Task & Finish Group has also developed a draft review procedure, which is attached at Appendix B. This is designed to briefly set out and structure the approach to future spotlight scrutiny reviews. Formal approval and adoption by the Panel is sought to this procedure.</p>
Impact Assessment:	<p><i>Equalities Impact Assessment:</i> There are not considered to be any issues associated with this report.</p>
	<p><i>Use of Evidence:</i> The review process has been structured and performed to seek the necessary assurances through a focused and proportionate review of evidence against the approved key lines of enquiry.</p>
	<p><i>Budget:</i> Other than member and officer time of the Panel and the OPCC there were no additional costs associated with the review process.</p>
	<p><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</p>
Recommendation	<p>That the Police and Crime Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Considers the outcomes from the review of Firearms Licencing and seeks any additional clarification it requires from the Task & Finish Group representatives ii) Seeks a view from the Police and Crime Commissioner on the outcomes of the review exercise. iii) Approves the draft procedure which has been developed to structure the approach to future spotlight scrutiny reviews.
Reason for Recommendation	<p>To ensure that the Police and Crime Commissioners oversight of Firearms Licencing is effective.</p>
Appendices	<p>Appendix A – Firearms Licencing Scrutiny Review Appendix B – Spotlight Scrutiny Review – Draft Procedure</p>
Background Papers	<p>Firearms Licencing Scrutiny review scoping document</p>

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