

## Sussex Police and Crime Panel

24 January 2014

### Written Questions

#### Report by the Clerk to the Police and Crime Panel

The table below provides a schedule of the written questions received prior to this meeting and where possible responses have been included. Responses will be tabled at the meeting that were not available at the time of despatch. Written Questions must be received 2 weeks before a meeting of the Panel and the Commissioner or Panel Chairman is invited to provide a response by noon of the day before the meeting.

Date received	Question	Response
10 January 2014	<p>To ask the Commissioner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• what are the cost implications of her Youth Police Commission;</li><li>• what benefits she expects it to bring to the police area;</li><li>• what assessment she has made of its value-for-money; and</li><li>• why she chose that its meetings should be held on a Saturday thereby excluding from membership young people practising certain faiths?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The PCC made a one-off payment of £15,000 to the SHM Foundation which in an independent, not-for-profit charitable organisation (charity reg: 1126568). The OSPCC will receive matched investment from the SHM Foundation in the form of seconded staff time, including the time of an experienced Programme Director, to the value of £15,000 over the course of the pilot. The OSPCC's contribution will be applied to ensure the key success measures of the pilot. It is anticipated that the pilot, co-ordinated by the SHM Foundation, will generate practical guidance, tools and resources which will enable the Youth Commission process to be rolled out by the Office of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner for Sussex.</li><li>• The Youth Commission is part of a long-term strategy to prevent youth crime and increase the confidence of young people in the police so that they are more likely to report crime. The core purpose of the Youth Commission will be to enable young people aged 14-25 to effectively <b>support, challenge and inform</b> the work of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner in Sussex. The first two pilots have been a great success and the PCCs in Hampshire and Leicestershire are now rolling this out. At the end of the pilot, in-depth evaluation interviews (or workshops) with key stakeholders including the PCC, lead staff at the OSPCC, and the Chief Constable will be carried out to examine the impact of the approach on strategic planning and to examine the business benefits of the Youth Commission model. Additionally, in-depth evaluation interviews with Youth Commission members will take</li></ul>

		<p>place to assess the impact of the pilot on their skills, perceptions, and aspirations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Youth Commission is a partnership project which is receiving matched investment from the SHM Foundation in the form of seconded staff time, including the time of an experienced Programme Director, to the value of £15,000 over the course of the pilot. This is a unique offer, which will enable the PCC to benefit from pro-bono specialist expertise from an organisation with a considerable track record in running these initiatives nationally and a tried and tested methodology for doing so. There is no other organisation to our knowledge offering this same service. The Office of the Sussex PCC is passionate about ensuring that young people's voices are heard and understood in the areas of police and crime. A costed business plan will be provided to demonstrate how to sustain the Youth Commission in-house. The Big Conversation will gather constructive responses from a diverse sample of 2000 young people aged 14-25 across the Sussex Policing Area. The process will be designed to gather views on priority topics for the Commissioner. We have a signed Agreement with the SHM Foundation, which sets out the success measures and evaluation approach</li><li>• The decision to hold meetings on a Saturday is a pragmatic approach given that most young people are studying or working during the week, and because we are operating in such a large geographical area we are conscious that transport links are better on Saturdays rather than Sundays. All candidates will be aware of the meeting dates, as their availability is sought on these days in the application form. If there are impressive candidates who cannot attend on Saturdays, we would be very happy to explore other ways for them to contribute.</li></ul>
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No Background Papers