



Candidate News

Issue 3

Welcome to the third newsletter in our series leading up to the election. In this edition we have focussed on community engagement and partnerships.

Meeting with the PCC and the Chief Executive

As mentioned in the previous newsletters both the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Executive have extended invitations to all candidates to meet with each of them separately. Should you wish to take up either of these invitations please contact:

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For Chief Executive contact: abbey.dearden@leics.pcc.pnn.gov.uk



Dates for your Diary – New PCC



Induction dates for the new Police and Crime Commissioner with the Chief Executive and Chief Constable can be found below:-

- 13th May 2021 (9am-11am) – Welcome & Induction with Chief Executive
- 13th May 2021 (1.30pm-2.30pm) – Meeting with the Chief Constable

Candidates may wish to note these dates for their diaries.

What Matters to You Event

On Monday 22 March 2021 the Commissioner and the Chief Constable undertook a virtual What Matters to You event via Facebook. The event attracted in excess of 168 comments on the video which had nearly 6,000 views.

The post itself reached almost 30,000 people. The broadcast is now available here:

<https://bit.ly/39sgICX>



Community Engagement

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has a statutory duty to consult with the local community and victims of crime for their policing area on the priorities for the police and crime plan as set out in Section 96(1) of the Police Act 1996 as amended by Section 14(3) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. Therefore, consultation and engagement with the public is a key priority for the Commissioner.

The PCC represents the people of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR), bridging the gap between the police and the community. Seeking the views and opinions of the public plays an important part of the role of the PCC - ensuring everyone has a voice - which provides a basis to which the Police & Crime Plan objectives are formed.

Utilising a variety of different engagement platforms and methods helps to ensure a wider reach in terms of community participation. Previously this has been done through, 'What Matters to You' events, patch walks, focus groups, attending local community forums/panels and surveys. Most recently, as part of the budget precept consultations, focus groups and telephone surveys were used to obtain feedback from the public on a number of topics.

With the impact of Covid on social distancing restrictions the OPCC has quickly had to adapt their approach to engagement by making better use of the virtual world and increasing our digital capability. The introduction of a weekly blog, Facebook Live Q&A and holding online 'What Matters to You' with representatives from minority groups, such as LGBT+, disability and Black Lives Matter (BLM), has enabled the PCC to engage with those harder to reach communities.

Partnerships

Partnerships underpin the very core of the work of the PCC and OPCC and are a key component in the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan objectives.

Relationships with Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) continue to be strengthened through joint working and identifying opportunities for further collaboration. The ongoing work around the People Zones and Night Time Economy (NTE) and the response strategy during Covid is a prime example of this.

CSPs play an important role in helping to make our communities safer; the PCC provides funding to support the delivery of this work. In turn, the Partnership Officer works closely with CSPs to develop their annual plans and to ensure the funding is aligned to the Police and Crime Plan objectives.

Through the work of the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB), projects to address harmful behaviours rely heavily on partnership working. The SPB is chaired by the PCC and plays a significant role within the partnership landscape across LLR. Membership is made up of chief officers from key partners and organisations, such as Police, Fire, Health and Probation. The development of a Project Portfolio and structured schedule of short-term goals help the partnership remain focussed in the delivery of agreed strategic objectives.

Leicestershire consists of eight CSPs and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner are members of all eight.

CSP	FUNDING	
Safer Leicestershire	PLF: £239,000 YP&D: £72,150	Other Funding: £341,796
Charnwood CSP	PLF: £75,500	YP&D: 15,956.25
Blaby, Hinckley & Bosworth	Blaby PLF: £33,000 Blaby YP&D: £9,573.75	H&B PLF: £40,000 H&B YP&D: £9,573.75
Safer North West Leicestershire	PLF: £35,500	YP&D: £9,573.75
Harborough District CSP	PLF: £26,500	YP&D: £9,573.75
Oadby & Wigston CSP	PLF: £22,000	YP&D: £6,382.50
Safer Melton	PLF: £17,500	YP&D: £3,191.25
Safer Rutland	PLF: £11,000 YP&D: £3,700	Other Funding: £10,485

Future Developments

The impact of Covid has meant that as an office we have needed to reflect and adapt the way we do business. Plans to overhaul and improve the way we engage with communities, young people and those harder to reach is currently underway. This includes a piece of work already being undertaken to review our engagement with black, ethnic and minority groups.

More emphasis will be placed on co-production and working with community groups to understand what the public wants in terms of engagement, especially with young people. With plans to increase our digital capability and make better use of social media platforms, to host opinion polls and publish results, for example, this feedback will be key to formalising a new improved engagement strategy. The development of a robust engagement framework which turns feedback into action and outcomes will also form part of the overall strategy. More targeted engagement and the running of campaigns focused on specific themes aligned to the work of the SPB will provide a rich source of data and will feature moving forward.

The introduction of the new Community Development Officer post will provide greater capability for the OPCC to empower and build resilience in communities to encourage sustainability for the long term. Projects and initiatives such as the Community Leadership Programme and People Zones, focus on adopting a systems-thinking based approach by working with communities and supporting them in gaining the confidence and skills they need to grow.

Further work to develop our office social responsibility objectives are also being explored, as well as work experience opportunities and a recruitment plan for young people and those struggling to find employment.

Plans to increase our engagement and involvement with young people, identifying opportunities for co-design on future projects is being scoped out and developed with the Violence Reduction Network (VRN). Regular questionnaires and more targeted surveys to identify specific themes that affect young people and hear their views will continue to be an area of focus.

Engagement and Partnerships are an important element in contributing to the wider work of the OPCC. As we move in to 2021 and face head on the challenges that the impact of Covid has brought, understanding our communities better and relying on partnership working will be critical in making our communities safer.

**Please contact Paul Hindson
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Further Information

**There is a wealth of useful information on the Leicestershire PCC Election portal
<https://www.leicspcc-election.co.uk>**

The Information Section holds useful links to information on the PCC and Partner websites as well as briefing documents produced by various sections of the police family for candidates to download.