

Police and Crime Panel: Proactive Scrutiny 2017/18

The impact of traffic related crime and nuisance within communities

Following public consultation, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) launched his Police and Crime Plan in December 2016, within which he set out his key priorities for delivery to 2021. Road safety is mentioned as one of three key public concerns outlined by the PCC within his Plan, and through it the PCC has demonstrated his intention to protect existing measures which keep the public safe, whilst seeking innovation in preventing and tackling these issues.

Definition: The Panel's scrutiny will focus upon the traffic related crime and nuisance which is causing the greatest concern within the communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and will also consider elements relating to road safety. Evidence to previous scrutiny sessions has in particular highlighted concerns regarding:

- Speeding
- Anti Social behaviour linked with the use of a motor vehicle
- Theft of property from motor vehicles
- Animal casualties within rural areas through reckless driving

The Road Traffic Act 1988 contains provision for all the main motoring offences. Further information on the provisions of the Act can be found online:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1988/52>

Aims: Through holding an evidence-gathering session the Panel aims to scrutinise and support the PCC in his intention to prevent and tackle traffic related crime and nuisance, to improve road safety across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. This scrutiny will consider how the PCC is listening to and engaging partners, community associations and members of the public across the two counties in enhancing current prevention measures and review how effectively the PCC is holding the Chief Constable to account for policing community concerns related to traffic crime and disturbance.

The Panel seeks to add value to efforts to prevent and tackle traffic crime and nuisance by providing feedback to the PCC on where improvements can be made, identifying any opportunities to enhance the policing approach, as well as making suggestions on how partner agencies may be better engaged to enhance current road safety measures.

Scope: The session will invite written evidence from a range of stakeholders who may be able to assist the Panel with their proactive scrutiny.

The review will operate at a strategic level, and collate and analyse information that stakeholders will be expected to produce. Several stakeholders will be invited to provide oral evidence based on the level of information that can usefully be provided to the Panel.

The Panel will analyse the evidence provided in order to identify recommendation areas for action to the PCC.

1. Key Stakeholders:

Oral Evidence

(To be determined by plan working group)

Written Evidence:

Age UK Hampshire

Age UK IOW

Basingstoke Motor Club

Brake (Road Safety Charity)

Crimestoppers

Crown Prosecution Service

District and Borough Councils

Farnborough District Motor Club

Hampshire and IOW CRC

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnerships

Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)

Hampshire Constabulary

Hampshire County Council

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service

Hampshire Neighborhood Watch Association

Hants & Berks Motor Club

Highways England

Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC)

Isle of Wight Council

Isle of Wight Neighbourhood Watch Association

Isle of Wight NHS Trust

Local Magistrates Bench

Ministry of Justice

National Probation Service

NOMS

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the IOW

Portsmouth City Council

Road Peace (national charity for road crash victims)

Road Safety Foundation

Solent Advanced Motorcyclists

Solent Healthcare NHS Trust

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

South Shires Bikers Motor Cycle Club

Southampton & District Motorcycle Club

Southampton City Council

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust
Southsea Motor Club
Town and Parish Councils
Verderers of the New Forest
Victim Support
Youth Offending Teams

2. Key Questions

The key questions of the proactive scrutiny are:

- How well has the PCC, through holding the Chief Constable to account, ensured an effective policing response to community concerns related to traffic crime and disturbance?
- How are the Commissioner and his office engaging with local partners, community groups and members of the public to enhance current prevention measures for traffic crime and nuisance to improve road safety?
- What are the key priorities which need to be considered by the PCC to reduce and prevent traffic nuisance within the communities Hampshire and the Isle of Wight?
- What best practice exists which could also be considered by the PCC in his approach to enhancing the approach to tackling and preventing traffic crime and nuisance to keep roads safer across Hampshire and the IOW?

In order to answer the key questions, the following will be asked of selected stakeholders:

- 1) Through working with the Chief Constable, how well do you feel the PCC has ensured an effective policing provision and response to community concerns related to traffic crime and nuisance? Can you identify any areas where the policing provision within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight or response to community concerns could be improved?
- 2) How effective do you feel the PCC and his office have been in engaging partners in tackling traffic nuisance and seeking innovation in preventing and reducing the impact this has within communities? What opportunities do you feel exist for greater engagement?
- 3) How is the PCC communicating with local residents to better understand their concerns around traffic crime and to encourage their involvement in road safety within their own communities? How could the PCC improve this approach?
- 4) How effective do you feel the Community SpeedWatch Scheme is in deterring motorists from exceeding speed limits? What role could the PCC play in evaluating the success of this approach and enhancing community based road safety schemes?

- 5) What do you think should be the priorities for action to support a reduction in traffic related crime and nuisance to deliver enhanced road safety across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight?
- 6) Are there any examples of successful approaches to reducing and tackling traffic related crime and nuisance which you or your organisation are aware of, either within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight or in other areas?
- 7) Is there anything further that you can provide to the Panel that will assist us with our proactive scrutiny of this topic?

3. Approach:

- Invite the key stakeholders listed at 1 to respond to (some or all of) the key questions listed at 2. Provide four weeks for written responses.
- Provide a webpage for the review, giving access to information about the timescales, publishing relevant documents etc and to provide a channel through which the public can make comment.
- Identify key witnesses to attend oral evidence session (afternoon of 6 October 2017).

4. Outcome

The Panel will go into private session after they have held their oral evidence session in order to formulate and agree recommendations to the Commissioner. The outcomes will be published on the Panel's website.