

Report on the Police and Crime Panel meeting - 4 September 2014

The Panel reviewed the financial planning assumptions for the years 2015/16 to 2017/18. As is the case with all local public services, much depends on the level of grant the Government will offer and the assumption is that the grant will reduce by 3.5% year on year. All assumptions are of the same order as those of other SW Region Constabularies. The PCC has publicly announced his intention to freeze the precept until 2016/17 provided no major unforeseen circumstance arises. This is to be achieved by investing to save, particularly in modern computer and communications equipment and by updating the vehicle fleet. Reserves of £8.3M have been earmarked for these initiatives.

Updates were received on the following:-

The PCC priority - Young People Becoming Adults

Keep Safe Project providing support to vulnerable adults when out and about in their communities

3 projects in receipt of grants from the Commissioner's Fund:

Pathfinder - improving skills of young drivers

Cheltenham Street Pastors

Gymnation - activities to encourage young people to live useful lives

The Police and Crime Commissioner advised that he would be asking the Panel to endorse the appointment of a new chief executive. Under the legislation a confirmatory hearing needs to be held within 21 days and has been arranged for 24 September.