

### Open Report on behalf of Les Britzman, Chief Fire Officer

Report to:	<b>Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>23 July 2019</b>
Subject:	<b>Safer Together Project – Collaborative Working Arrangements between the Safer Communities Service and Lincolnshire Police</b>

#### Summary:

This paper provides an overview of the Safer Together project which has developed a closer working collaboration with Lincolnshire Police and the Safer Communities Service of Lincolnshire County Council.

#### Actions Required:

Members of the Committee are invited to consider and comment on the contents of this report and presentation provided at the meeting regarding the new working arrangements between Lincolnshire County Council and Lincolnshire police.

## 1. Background

A review of partnership arrangements was instigated by the previous County Public Protection Officer in January 2018 to examine and explore the expansion and formalisation of collaborative working arrangements on areas where there is commonality in the functions and services that Lincolnshire County Council Safer Communities Service and Lincolnshire Police deliver. Following assignment of project management support in autumn 2018 a project plan has been developed with the aims of improving the effectiveness of crime prevention and responses in key priority areas through a strategic partnership and collaborative working practices between the two organisations.

The review concluded that there were benefits in establishing an integrated multi-disciplined team, structured around the shared work areas of Protection, Prevention and Partnerships, with the aim to improve the effectiveness of crime prevention and responses to victims and offenders in key priority areas. This would be achieved by:

- i. Better information and intelligence sharing;
- ii. Improved analysis of threat, risk and harm;
- iii. Co-ordinated approach to service delivery to include the use of resources with reduced duplication of effort;

- iv. Increased resilience through pooled resource, expertise and management;
- v. Better use of the combined powers and authority of each organisation.

There were many compelling reasons to support the collaborative approach including: existing work synergies, potential for significant benefits from collaborative working, proof of concept with option to expand and meets legal obligation to collaborate.

A presentation will be provided to the committee on the process that culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on the 19th June 2019 and the revised working arrangements going live on the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The presentation will explain the new working and governance arrangements

## **2. Consultation**

As part of the above process a staff consultation process was held with LCC employees

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?  
An equality impact analysis has been carried out

b) Risks and Impact Analysis  
Not Applicable

## **3. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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