

PROPOSAL FOR A REGIONAL COLLABORATION WORKSHOP
EVENT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider a proposal to hold a Regional Collaboration Workshop event.

Information and Advice

2. Since its formation in 2012, the Panel has received a number of updates on the topic of East Midlands regional collaboration. Members will be aware
3. This issue has continued to be discussed at the Regional Police and Crime Panel Network meetings, attended by Panel Chairs and support officers. The five Panels in the region are keen to develop a shared understanding of the current challenges, expenditure and savings arising from the regional collaboration agenda.
4. The Regional Network agreed a set of common questions to assist in that respect:-
 - a. What is currently covered through regional collaboration?
 - b. How is it being governed?
 - c. What are the key aspects of the regional framework?
 - d. Are the planned savings expected from collaboration being achieved?
 - e. Is collaboration delivering operational effectiveness?
 - f. Is there a performance management scorecard?
 - g. Are there business cases for further areas of collaboration?
5. Following further discussions with Kevin Dennis, Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), this issue has also been discussed by the East Midlands PCC Board. The Board agreed that a generic presentation, to address the above questions and provide further information, should be developed for the Nottinghamshire Panel and subsequently used as a template for presentations to the other four Panels as a means of developing a shared understanding.
6. Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel has established a working group on this issue and Christine Goldstraw OBE (the Chair of the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel) and Keith Ford met with Members of that working group and its support officer on 14 February 2017. Arising from this meeting, it was proposed that a workshop event be arranged with the aims to:-
 - enable an agreement on a structure for how Panels can collect evidence and monitor regional collaboration activities on an ongoing basis. This will be so they can support and challenge their respective PCCs.

- provide the opportunity to review the common set of questions on regional collaboration for each East Midlands PCC.
 - provide the opportunity to give respective Panels the same level of knowledge and understanding of regional collaboration activities and those from outside the East Midlands area.
 - provide the opportunity to learn from other Panels across the country on how they challenge and support their PCC on collaboration.
 - allow Panels to challenge and support the governance, accountability and performance monitoring arrangements of the East Midlands Regional Collaboration.
7. It is proposed that each Panel would have places for up to five representatives at the workshop.
 8. It is hoped that the event will also be attended by some or all of the PCCs, Chief Constables or their representatives, subject to availability.
 9. The proposal was discussed with Frontline Consulting and the East Midlands Regional Network on the 2nd March 2017. There was agreement on the proposed way forward in principle. Officers from the East Midlands Regional Network will now work with Frontline Consulting to develop a detailed proposal for a regional collaboration workshop, including costs, venue and a programme of activity. This will then be put forward to each Panel for their consideration and approval.
 10. It is anticipated that Frontline Consultancy's role in helping to organise this event will include developing the programme with support officers, the preparation of briefing packs, invitations to external contributors for the baseline briefings and facilitation of the discussions around implications, potential structures and potential Key Lines of Enquiry. This input is likely to cost each Panel approximately £500. It is proposed that any additional costs relating to venue hire and refreshments will be shared between the five Panels.
 11. If the event is agreed it is likely to be scheduled for a date in September 2017, to be agreed.

Other Options Considered

12. It is proposed that a regional workshop event is the best way of progressing this issue. It could be argued that the support officers of each Panel could arrange the workshop event without external input but this would prevent the Panels utilising the wider experience and specialist skills of an organisation such as Frontline Consultancy.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

13. To seek agreement in principle to develop this proposal further.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the proposal to hold a Regional Collaboration Workshop event be supported in principle, subject to a further report to the Panel in July 2017 clarifying further details, including costs, venue and date.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- 1) Regional Collaboration Working Group Update Report to Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel meeting of 23 March 2017 (published).

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