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POLICING PLANNED EVENTS – AN UPDATE

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (NOPCC) with an update on the current working arrangements of Nottinghamshire Police for policing planned events.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the NOPCC note the content of the report.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To keep the NOPCC up-to-date regarding Nottinghamshire Police's approach to policing planned events. The approach will ensure that the resources of Nottinghamshire Police are focused on the key priorities of cutting crime and keeping the public safe, increasing public trust and confidence and spending money wisely.
- 3.2 To provide a detailed update on the approach to providing support at Remembrance Day parades.

4. Summary of Key Points

4.1 Background

- 4.2 At the Nottinghamshire Police Force Executive Board on 20th January 2014 a decision was made to cease policing planned events that do not fit the Association of Chief Police Officers' (APCC) criteria outlined in the document 'Guidance on Public Safety Policy'.
- 4.3 At the same meeting, it was also decided that the process of engaging with event organisers be formalised, ensuring that specified points of contact are used for all events. This point of contact is Operational Planning Team.

- 4.4 A paper was presented to the Police and Crime Panel on the 28th April 2014 outlining the decision taken at the Force Executive Board with the relevant background information, legislation, advice and guidance.
- 4.5 The position outlined above remains unchanged as of today.
- 4.6 Remembrance Day Events
- 4.7 With regards to Remembrance Day parades we will always show our respect for the fallen and, wherever possible, will maintain a visible presence at the parades for community engagement, public safety and, in some cases, counter terrorism patrols.
- 4.8 Nonetheless, Nottinghamshire Police needs to carefully manage its resources to ensure that 'normal business' continues across the county. In 2016, we were aware of over forty parades taking place in the county, of which many had little or no formal traffic management arrangements in place. This meant that a high number of our staff were required to assist in facilitating those parades. This had an impact on our day-to-day operations and demands and, unfortunately, this is something we simply cannot sustain whilst attempting to support events.
- 4.9 In June 2017, ACC Prior wrote to the Royal British Legion, the City and County Councils and the Notts Association of Local Councils to clarify the Force's position. A copy of the letter is attached at Appendix A.
- 4.10 To support individual parade organisers, our Operational Planning Department, along with the County Highways, have met with their teams to advise them on the most appropriate traffic management they need to have in place for the parades. Some routes have been altered as a result meaning safer and more visible parades in some locations as well as reducing the prospective cost of their traffic management.
- 4.11 Parade organisers have the responsibility to apply for a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) from the local authority highways department. These are the legal documents that empower the organiser to close the road and they are free of charge for events such as Remembrance Day. The organiser should then obtain appropriate and approved traffic management by hiring a traffic management company or by buying/hiring their own signs and cones to deploy themselves.
- 4.12 The organiser is then obliged to provide marshals/stewards at road closure points to re-enforce the physical traffic management (not to direct traffic). There is no formal training needed to be able to perform this role as the only requirements are for the marshal to be an adult, to wear a high visibility jacket/tabard and to stand behind any physical traffic management as another visual aid to road users that the road is closed. There is no prescriptive programme of training for this role.

- 4.13 Nottinghamshire Police Operational Planning Department have also been advising parade organisers to speak with local business (where they often allow poppy collection appeals) to see if any financial support is available and to signpost them to local councillors. A few parades have successfully obtained private funding; one in Mansfield Woodhouse has secured a private business to support them with their traffic management for as long as the company exists. Another in Sutton-in-Ashfield has set up a crowd funding page to sustain the funds needed for traffic management for future years.
- 4.14 There were 54 remembrance events held across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire this year and none were cancelled as a result of the Force's approach to supporting the events.
- 4.15 Nottinghamshire Police were represented at around 75-85% of the remembrance events held in an engagement capacity. Officers from the Force laid wreaths at 10 remembrance events across the County and City. This is in line with previous years.

5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

- 5.1 Nottinghamshire Police already has structures and personnel in place to effectively manage and plan events. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

- 6.1 Nottinghamshire Police already has structures and personnel in place to effectively manage and plan events. There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

7. Equality Implications

- 7.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

8. Risk Management

- 8.1 Organisationally Nottinghamshire Police has reduced the exposure to risk and liability.

9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

- 9.1 The policy adhered to by Nottinghamshire Police is the APCC Guidance on Public Safety Policy. Full event planning details are available on the intranet and have been communicated to all officers and staff.
- 9.2 The approach to policing planned events is linked with the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan, specifically; 'Protect, support and respond to victims, witnesses and vulnerable people' and 'Spending your money wisely'. The approach ensures that the resources of Nottinghamshire Police are focused

on cutting crime and keeping the public safe, increasing public trust and confidence and spending money wisely.

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

10.1 There are no changes to legislation required. Relevant legislation has been detailed within this report and the report tabled in April 2014.

11. Details of outcome of consultation

11.1 Formal consultation was not thought necessary in this case.

12. Appendices

12.1 Appendix A – letter from ACC Prior.

13. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)

ACPO Guidance on Public Safety Policy

HSE Purple Guide for Events

HSE Green Guide for Sporting Events

Home Office Good Practice Safety Guide

Police and Crime Panel report on, 'Policing Planned Events' (28th April 2014)