Commissioner's Key Decision – September 2014

Decision:

Decision to take forward a co-designed approach to developing a victims' focus in Kent with the Kent Criminal Justice Board.

Justification:

The co designed approach brings together those agencies and organisations that provide services to victims. It is identified that no one agency alone can improve service provision across both the criminal justice system and support services. This co-designed approach will bring together operational expertise as well as direct links into organisations involved in delivering services to victims.

Decision:

Decision on the proposed options to be included in the Community Remedy menu, which were subsequently agreed with the Chief Constable.

Justification:

The Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Crime and Policing Act 2014 stream-lines the existing 19 ASB powers into six new powers. In addition, the act introduces the Community Remedy, which gives victims a say in punishment of offenders when a community resolution is used for low-level crime and ASB. Police & Crime Commissioners were responsible for consulting with members of the public and community representatives on what actions they would consider appropriate for inclusion in a community remedy document. The consultation commenced on 4 August 2014 and concluded on 31 August 2014 and a total 224 responses were received. Based on the findings from the consultation the Commissioner proposed the options for inclusion in the Community Remedy menu, which have subsequently being agreed with the Chief Constable.