

Safe Durham Partnership Issues, Risks and Opportunities

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Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill

- Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) at Force Level
- PCC to produce a 5 year Police and Crime Plan and determine local policing priorities
- Hold future grants:
 - Policing Grant from Home Office
 - Community Safety Fund
 - DIP funding
- PCC a Responsible Authority but only to work with the wider CJS
- Not a statutory member of the Community Safety Partnership



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Police and Crime Commissioners & Community Safety Partnerships

- Reciprocal duty to co-operate with each other to reduce crime and disorder, ASB, substance misuse & reducing re-offending
- PCC power to bring a representative from any CSP in the Force area together to discuss priority issues
- PCC power to require reports from the CSP on areas of concern
- Power to approve mergers of CSPs on application of the CSPs
- Power to commission community safety work from a range of partners, including CSPs



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What does this mean for the Safe Durham Partnership?

Changes in

- Accountability
- Relationships
- Priorities
- Funding



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Accountability

- CSPs are statutory, and this does not change.
- Currently to County Durham Partnership and to individual Responsible Authorities
- In future also to PCC (eg PCC power to require report on areas of concern; mergers).
- Will need to agree how to manage this – MOU?
- Performance framework - outcomes



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Relationships (1)

- With PCC
 - SDP will aim for constructive dialogue
 - nb reciprocal duty to co-operate
 - Membership of SDP? One PCC, 2 LA's.
 - Will they commission work from SDP?
- With Police and Crime Panel
 - Not a responsible authority (Police Authority are)
 - The Challenge role of the Commissioner



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Relationships 2

- With Darlington.
 - PCC power to bring CSPs together across Force to discuss priority issues
 - There are already joint arrangements eg Counter-terror.
 - Do we need more?
 - A closer relationship?



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Priorities

- SDP priorities well established
- Also identified areas of improvement
- Based on strategic assessment of threats
- Alignment between Partnership Plan and Police and Crime Plan



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Funding

- Losing SCF (and “BCU”) to PCC: marginal but powerful
- Most resources are mainstream
- Impact of PCC on Police operating capacity?
- Will analytical capacity remain?
- Will PCC commission activity from SDP?
In line with priorities?



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Conclusion

- Some clarity on formal position
- Many unknowns
- Let's make this work!



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