

Nottinghamshire

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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PART ONE

EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING REPORT

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

TITLE OF SCHEME OR SERVICE

Consultation and engagement with regard to the development and publication of the 2013-17 Police and Crime Plan and setting the 2013/14 Police budget and precept.

CLEARED BY

Charlotte Radford, Chief Finance Officer

DECISION:

Approve quotation from SMSR Limited, Wellington House, 108 Beverley Road, Hull HU3 1XA and agree funding of £8,700 to be used for 400 telephone countywide surveys and 3 focus groups (1 X City of Nottingham and 2 X County).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has a statutory responsibility to consult with the public in relation to setting the 2013/14 Police budget and precept (the amount of your Council Tax which goes towards paying for policing) and identifying the priorities for their 2013-17 Police and Crime Plan.

Due to the short timescale available in which the 2013/14 Police budget has to be set and also for the development and publication of the 2013-17 Police and Plan, SMSR have been commissioned to carry out 400 telephone surveys with a representative sample of members of the public and 3 focus groups, 1 in the City of Nottingham and 2 in the County. There will be additional focus groups, including victims of crime and young people, undertaken by staff from the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and a questionnaire on the Nottinghamshire PCC website.

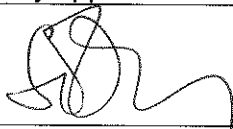
SMSR have the specialist equipment and staff to out carry the work to ensure statutory deadlines will be met and will seek views regarding the draft 2013-17 Police and Crime Plan priorities and the 2013/14 Police budget. The research was planned and agreed to ensure the final report and findings will be available for consideration by the PCC to support his commitment to ensuring the public are able to contribute to and influence decisions regarding the delivery of local policing in Nottinghamshire.

Without the findings from the telephone surveys and focus groups to support the consultation and engagement undertaken by the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the PCC will not meet the statutory requirements of the 2011 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act in relation to the publication of the 2013-17 Police and Crime Plan and the 2013/14 Police budget and precept.

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The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Date:

20/12/12

1. How does the proposal address the Police and Crime Plan priorities?

The research contributes to PCCs statutory responsibility to consult in relation to the identification of the Police and Crime Plan priorities and Nottinghamshire Police Budget and precept.

The consultation and engagement activity will provide the public with opportunities to comment on draft Police and Crime Plan priorities and for them to suggest additional priorities for consideration by the PCC. The public will also be providing feedback regarding their willingness to continue to pay an increased amount of precept to increase the number of Police Officers and PCSOs over the next few years.

2. What local needs are you expecting to meet?

Offering the public of Nottinghamshire the opportunity to contribute to and influence decisions taken by the PCC in relation to the policing of Nottinghamshire such as the identification of Police and Crime priorities and in relation to setting the Police budget and precept.

Ensuring the public will feel more involved in the decisions considered and taken by the PCC and offer visibility and transparency and public accountability of the PCC and the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Details of all decisions taken by the PCC are published on the Nottinghamshire PCC website.

3. What outcomes are expected to be achieved?

Public consultation is an integral element in the identification and review of Police and Crime Plan priorities and Police budget and precept setting process, which is underpinned by the PCC Consultation and Engagement Strategy. This document outlines the commitment of the PCC to ensure the public's views are considered in relation to shaping the delivery of policing in Nottinghamshire but to also ensure the public receive information regarding how public views have been considered and used. All decisions taken by the PCC are published on the Nottinghamshire PCC website and as such will assist with providing visibility and transparency of the operation of Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

**4. What consultations have taken place with those affected by the proposal?
What did they say?**

The commissioned 400 telephone surveys and 3 focus groups are part of a series of planned activity delivered by the PCC taking place in relation to the 2013-17 Police and Crime Plan and 2013/14 Police budget and precept.

This includes public meetings with:

- Members from Black, Minority, Ethnic and Refugee (BMER) communities;
- Representatives from Women's groups;

2 Victims of Crime focus groups

Members of Nottingham City Youth Council focus group.

A questionnaire will be available on the Nottinghamshire PCC website.

5. Have you considered all reasonable courses of action and options?

The consultation and engagement was commissioned in order to fulfil the statutory PCC responsibilities to consult and engage in relation to 2013-17 Police and Crime priorities, and 2013/14 Police budget and precept within statutory deadlines. Therefore, the company identified and subsequently commissioned are able to provide the specialist staff, skills and technology (telephone call centre staff and software) required to meet the specific and strict requirements of the PCC.

SMSR have been used previously and have provided high quality research findings to agreed deadlines at competitive rates, as compared to previous quotes obtained.

6. What will be the impact be on performance and risk?

Without the findings from the commissioned telephone surveys and focus groups to support the consultation and engagement undertaken by the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the PCC will not meet the statutory requirements of the 2011 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act in relation to the publication of the 2013-17 Police and Crime Plan and the 2013/14 Police budget and precept.

The PCC will not be fulfilling their commitment to consult, engage and communicate with the public with regard to decisions which shape the delivery of policing in Nottinghamshire.

7. What are the resource implications and will the proposal achieve greater efficiency and value for money?

The cost of this research project is £8,700 and it will be met from Nottinghamshire Office of Police and Crime Commissioner 2012/13 budget.

8. Provide any supplementary information to support your proposal

9. Public Access to Information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act) and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 2 working day of approval. Any facts and advice that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1, but instead on a separate Part 2 form. Determent is only applicable where release before that date would compromise the Implementation of the decision being approved.

Is the publication of this approval to be deferred? No

10. Any Further Action Required:

None.

ORIGINATING OFFICER'S NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS

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