

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 24 MARCH 1998

PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING

Report by the Chief Executive

ABSTRACT

This Report deals with the presentation made at the last Angus Council meeting by Divisional Commander, Eastern Division, Tayside Police on the issue of problem oriented policing.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council note and welcome the introduction of this new approach to policing in Angus.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Members will recall that Chief Superintendent Scott Robertson, Divisional Commander of Tayside Police, Eastern Division, at the last full Angus Council meeting, made a presentation on the concept of "problem oriented policing". Following that presentation, the Council asked the Chief Executive, following a further presentation by the Divisional Commander to the Management Team, to bring forward a Report outlining how the Council should deal with this new concept, and in particular, the relationship that would need to be developed between the Council's decentralisation proposals and the management arrangements for "problem oriented policing". Members will also recall that the Chief Executive submitted a Report on the development of "Area Service Teams" to a recent Council meeting, when it was agreed to pilot the concept of Area Service Teams in Monifieth and Montrose.

Clearly there require to be appropriate linkages made between Area Service Teams and the new "problem oriented policing" management arrangements. The Management Team and the Divisional Commander have agreed that these two concepts can complement each other, and the Divisional Commander has agreed to introduce the concept of "problem oriented policing" initially in Montrose and Monifieth. This is consistent with the pilot arrangements being proposed in respect of Area Service Teams by the Council.

The Management Team supports the concept of small management groups which will be chaired by Tayside Police, leading "problem oriented policing" at local level. These will address specific local problems of a police nature which could benefit from an inter-agency approach.

It was always envisaged that Area Service Teams would form adhoc sub-groups to deal with specific issues and this particular proposal is in tune with the Area Service Team concept.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this Report.

4. CONSULTATIONS

All Chief Officers have been consulted during the preparation of this Report.

Note: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied upon to any material extent in preparing this report.

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