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**PAPER NO. AP13/41**

**SUBMITTED TO: ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL –  
13 AUGUST 2013**

**SUBJECT: SPEEDING SURVEY RESULTS**

**SUMMARY:**

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) receives a high level of queries and complaints about speed enforcement and speeding problems in the county.

In response to this the PCC decided that for the month of June 2013 he would focus on the subject of speeding. To gauge public opinion on the matter a public survey was conducted.

The survey was launched at the Suffolk Show in late May 2013 and due to its popularity at the Show it was subsequently launched online to allow wider public engagement. The survey was widely publicised through local media and the link was also emailed to all those who had contacted the PCC about the subject in recent months. Subscribers to Police Direct were contacted to draw their attention to the survey and it was also made available at the 'Journey Through the Ages' event at Palgrave, Suffolk.

A total of 1,955 surveys were completed and this report provides details of the findings.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The PCC notes the findings of the survey and agrees the next steps outlined at section 2 of the report.

## **DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:**

#### Introduction

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) receives a high level of queries and complaints about speed enforcement and speeding problems in the county. In June 2013 the PCC made speeding the subject for Passmore's Priority and conducted a survey to gauge people's views and opinions on the matter.
- 1.3 A survey was launched at the Suffolk Show in late May and this was subsequently published on line to give the opportunity for a wider public response. The survey was widely publicised to subscribers of Police Direct and was also completed at the 'Journey Through the Ages' event at Palgrave, Suffolk
- 1.4 A total of 1,719 surveys were completed online.
- 1.5 All the results from the main questions have now been considered and analysed and the detailed findings are included in Appendices A- D as follows:
  - Appendix A: The results of the on-line survey (1,719 surveys completed);
  - Appendix B: The results of the Suffolk Show survey (213 surveys completed);
  - Appendix C: The results of the Palgrave survey (23 surveys completed);
  - Appendix D: Further specific detail of the villages, towns and routes respondents mentioned where, in their view, speeding is a problem.
- 1.6 In addition to the above a free text option was also included in the survey which attracted many more detailed observations. These will be encapsulated into a further document that will be shared with the Chief Constable, the Suffolk Roadsafe Board and other key partners for their consideration.

### **2. NEXT STEPS**

- 2.1 The results have been published on the PCC's website and have been shared with the Chief Constable and Suffolk County Council's Policy Development Panel and Suffolk Roadsafe Board. The PCC has been invited to attend the next meeting of the Suffolk Roadsafe Board on 12 September to present the findings to the Board and has also been invited to the next meeting of the Policy Development Panel.
- 2.2 A report on the subject of speed enforcement will also be considered at the Accountability and Performance Panel on 31 October 2013. The report will include the actions the Chief Constable proposes to take to address the key findings of the survey.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- 3.1 This report is confined to the findings of the survey and there are no financial implications associated with the consideration of this report. There may be financial implications associated with any resulting actions and these will be considered at the appropriate time.

### **4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:**

- 4.1 The survey was available online between 2 June and 30 June 2013. Due to a technical problem it was unavailable for a short period on 8 June.

- 4.2 The unrestricted nature of the survey will mean that there are limitations to its rigour but it is useful for understanding the breadth of views and provides an indication of some of the key themes. If scientifically representative results are required it would be necessary to conduct a further survey designed for that purpose.

<b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>	<b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	<b>N/A</b>
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	<b>N/A</b>
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	<b>Yes</b>
Have human resource implications been considered?	<b>N/A</b>
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	<b>Yes</b>
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	<b>Key agencies are aware of the survey and the findings will be shared.</b>
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	<b>Yes</b>
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	<b>Yes</b>