

ORIGINATOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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**SUBMITTED TO: ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL -
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**SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL REPORT –
2015/16**

SUMMARY:

This report presents the Independent Advisory Group Annual Report for 2015/16.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the PCC endorses the Independent Advisory Group Annual Report attached at Appendix A.

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Independent Advisory Group (IAG) exists to advise and make recommendations to the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Suffolk Constabulary in:

- reviewing and improving the investigation and prevention of hate crime;
- creating a police service that is fully inclusive of diversity;
- creating a police service that does not unlawfully discriminate;
- the handling and resolution of critical incidents;
- improving the trust and confidence of Suffolk's diverse communities in their police service;
- any other aspect of the policing of Suffolk which impacts upon minority communities.

2. INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

2.1 In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the group, the Independent Advisory Group Annual Report was presented to the IAG Annual General Meeting on 18 July 2016. A copy of the draft report had been sent to the PCC and Chief Constable prior to the AGM and IAG members reviewed and agreed the contents of the report at the meeting.

2.2 The report (attached at Appendix A) summarises membership, the activity undertaken during the year 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2016 and priorities for the coming year.

2.3 The Independent Advisory Group had nine members at 31 May 2016. A further member has been appointed to the Group since that date. Recruitment was not proactively undertaken during the year whilst the Constabulary progressed the development of an IAG micro-site and potential changes to membership structure. The work is considering how the IAG can work with the Constabulary to exploit digital capabilities, engage a wider group of individuals and work more efficiently and effectively.

2.4 Activities during the year focussed on providing views and advice on Hate Crime; the National Police Air Service/presence at Wattisham; Stop Search and Encounter; the impact of national and international terrorism and the new Constabulary website. The IAG have also received presentations on Integrated Offender Management, the Suffolk Local Policing Review, the Prevent strategy and participated in a tour of the Police Investigation Centre in Bury St Edmunds, which was well received. IAG members have increased their observation of training and continued to input into policy development.

2.5 Activities for 2016/17 will include participating in the consultation on the new Police and Crime Plan, renewing the IAG brand in Suffolk, recruitment to the existing group whilst supporting the Constabulary in developing the IAG micro-site and supporting Positive Action Recruitment.

3. BUDGET POSITION AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 A review of finances is set out in the annual report. The budget spend for 2015/16 was £1,336, an under-spend of £1,164 against the reduced budget of £2,500. The budget for 2016/17 will remain at £2,500.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

4.1 There are no other implications or risks associated with this report.

| ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED) | PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO' |
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| Has legal advice been sought on this submission? | The originator is a Solicitor and the Monitoring Officer for the PCC for Suffolk. |
| Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted? | N/A |
| Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate? | Yes |
| Have human resource implications been considered? | Yes |
| Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan? | Yes |
| Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation? | Yes See section 2.1. |
| Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed? | No |
| Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission? | Yes |

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

