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SUBMITTED TO: ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL -

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SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE PRIORITIES MONITORING REPORT -

1 APRIL 2016 TO 31 MARCH 2017

SUMMARY:

- 1. This report shows the Constabulary's performance between April 2016 and March 2017 against some of the Police and Crime Commissioner's new performance priorities.
- 2. A summary of the actions being taken to improve or maintain performance is included for each priority area.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Accountability and Performance Panel is asked to consider the report and provide comments to inform future performance monitoring reports.

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

General Overview

- 1.1. This report is based upon some of the performance priorities set within the Police and Crime Plan. It shows performance for the period from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.
- 1.2. The paper details each priority in turn and makes an assessment of performance against the three-year average. In addition to this, and where appropriate, comparison is made with other police forces or national averages.
- 1.3. The report is not designed to reflect localised performance problems but to provide an overview against each priority and an outline of the action being taken to improve or maintain performance.

Executive Summary

- 1.4 There has been a reduction of 9% in dwelling burglaries in the twelve months to the end of March 2017 compared to the long-term average. This is fall is beyond normal variation and represents outcomes of numerous targeted campaigns and other preventative work the Constabulary has undertaken in the last year.
- 1.5 The level of violence with injury crimes has risen by 17% in the last twelve months, which is indicative of wider rises in hidden crimes such as child sexual abuse, domestic abuse and serious sexual offences. The rise has corresponded with a drop of 18% in the solved rate. The Constabulary continues to prioritise the most serious crimes. A week of action against knife crime in May 2017 has led to some positive results and will be repeated in July.
- 1.6 Anti-social behaviour continues to fall in Suffolk, down 8% on the long-term average. The Constabulary's Safer Neighbourhood Teams continue to work in partnership with communities and other agencies to target issues of community concern, utilising the full range of legislative powers available to them where appropriate.
- 1.7 Robberies in Suffolk rose from an annual average of 181 to 278 in the twelve months to 31 March 2017. The Constabulary is focusing prevention work on hot spot areas, working with its Design Out Crime Officers. A summer media campaign, focussing on risks when consuming alcohol, is planned.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2.1. The performance of the Constabulary depends on the level of available resources to tackle each of the priority areas. In the current financial climate every effort is being made to maintain front line policing in order to ensure performance against these priorities can be maintained or improved.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

3.1. None.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	No
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
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	Yes