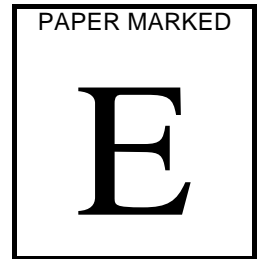


# LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY



Meeting           **POLICE AUTHORITY**

Date               **TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER 2009 – 2.00 P.M.**

Report of         **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Subject           **POLICE AUTHORITY INSPECTION - UPDATE**

## **Purpose of Report**

1. This report informs members of the arrangements known to date concerning the inspection of Leicestershire Police Authority by the Audit Commission and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC).

## **Commentary**

2. Members will recall that the representative from the inspector team called at Force Headquarters on Friday 3 July 2009 for the "initial contact" meeting. On Friday 21 August 2009 the team attended Force Headquarters for the "scene setting" presentation by the Police Authority.
3. In the run up to the inspection week the team undertook consultation with various stakeholders and partners. Individual members of the team then undertook reality checking by attending meetings of some CDRPs and meetings between members with stakeholders. A team member also attended the Performance Panel and Professional Standards Committee on 3 September 2009.
4. The inspection team were present at force headquarters for their fieldwork from Monday 7 September through to Thursday 10 September 2009. The team then provided a "hot debrief" feedback to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive of the Authority.
5. Two members of the team revisited force headquarters to interview the Chief Executive, Chairman and Chairman of the Audit Committee on Friday 2 October, in respect of a specific matter.
6. Although the Inspection Framework refers to the draft report being made available to the Authority 4 weeks after the fieldwork week, our draft report did not reach the Authority email inbox until after close of office hours on 24 November 2009. Sadly this had followed many weeks when we were (repeatedly) promised the draft "next week". Members will recall my report the full Authority on 3 November 2009 indicated that the report was due "any day".

7. The Authority was given two weeks to respond to the draft report and a Response was filed with the Inspection Team on 8 December. We are expecting the final embargoed copy of the report to reach us on 22 December 2009 and for the report to appear on the joint inspectorates' website on 7 January 2010. The website, which already bears the reports relating to Lancashire Police Authority and Avon and Somerset Police Authority, is at <http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/communitysafety/pages/default.aspx>
8. In a letter sent at the same time as the draft report, the Inspection Programme Team stated that they had drawn on learning and feedback from the first inspections and refined the timeline for all future inspections. In doing so, they gave Authorities two weeks rather than one, to respond to draft reports and extended the time between receipt by authorities of the final embargoed inspection report and publication on the joint inspectorates' websites.
9. All 10 inspections in the first tranche have now, it is understood, taken place. The Inspectorates did indicate that a thematic report concerning the findings of the first tranche inspections would be published by the end of February 2010 at the latest. The second tranche of inspections has also been announced.
10. Work has begun on compiling an improvement plan to address the issues raised in the draft report. It will be provided to members in draft before the publication of the final Inspection Report. The Improvement Plan will be formally presented to the Police Authority meeting on 26 January 2010.

### **Recommendation**

11. Members are invited to discuss the content of this report.

### **Implications**

Financial: none. Legal: none. Diversity: none. Risk Management: inspection results are mentioned in our Risk Register – a poor inspection report can absorb resources and affect reputation.

### **Background Papers**

None.

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