

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

2007/08 FORCE PERFORMANCE

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. This report introduces the 2007/08 PPAF results and outlines any issues associated with the results.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **Members are recommended to note the contents of the report and to comment upon any issues arising.**
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3. Background Information

- 3.1 On 28th November 2008, the Home Office published force results for 2007/08 performance within the Police Performance Assessment Framework (PPAF).
- 3.2 In previous years, forces were provided with graded assessments of performance. Following the publication of the Green Paper in July 2008, the Home Office took the decision that no such graded assessments would be provided. Instead, the publication reports data against each of the Statutory Performance Indicators (SPIs) for Policing, and covers information on priorities set locally by each police force and authority, inspections carried out by HMIC in 2007-08 and the results of the Audit Commission's Police Use of Resources Evaluation (PURE).
- 3.3 The attached report at Appendix A details SYP results against each domain and provides a breakdown review of performance in 2007/08.

4. Implications

- 4.1 The majority of the internal indicators established to assist in driving performance were centred on crime reduction and detection targets. Whilst this has produced some outstanding results, there has been recognition that the perception/ customer service based indicators were not prioritised throughout SYP in the same way. It is fully recognised within the 2007/08 assessment summary, and in all districts and departments within SYP, that improving public confidence is the key priority for the force in 2008/09. It is interesting to note that significant reductions in recorded crime, and notable increases in detection rates, has not led to increased confidence and satisfaction.

- 4.2 Due to the nature of the publication by the Home Office (no graded assessments), it has not been possible to compare SYP performance within our domains against historical assessments or against that of our peers.
- 4.3 The Green Paper announced that the Home Office will neither set nor maintain top-down numerical targets for individual police forces, with the exception of increasing public confidence, and will seek to reduce the data burdens placed on the police by the Home Office. Consequently the results for future performance assessments are not expected to provide graded assessments, but will be published for information only.

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