

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE – 24 JULY 2009

**MONITORING AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT OF STOP AND SEARCH AND
STOP AND ACCOUNT**

REPORT BY THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update for the period 1 April 2009 to 30 June 2009 to enable monitoring of 'stop and search' and 'stop and account' activity during that period and to update on policy and procedure update.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Statistics for stop and search and stop and account appear as a Standing Agenda Item at each meeting of this Committee. These statistics, which are supplied to members on a quarterly basis in the format agreed, are designed to enable members to monitor, assess and keep the Force's use of 'stop and search' and 'stop and account' powers under review.
- 1.2 Due to the proximity of this meeting to the end of the quarter, there has been insufficient time available to produce and analyse the 1st quarter performance statistics for this meeting. A full report will be brought to members at the next meeting of this Committee.

2. STREET INTERVENTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE DEVELOPMENT

- 2.1 Members will recall that the Street Interventions Project was commissioned following comment from both Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary (HMIC) and the Commission for Racial Equality (now known as the Equality Commission) relating to the use of Stop and Search in Dorset.
- 2.2 A revised Street Intervention Policy and Procedure has now been approved by the Force and a detailed implementation plan has been agreed. A full People Focus and Diversity Impact Assessment has also recently been completed and the Force will be considering a response to questions raised by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) in due course.
- 2.3 Arrangements to ensure full adoption of the policy and procedure, including implementation in terms of training, communication and technology are now being progressed by the Street Interventions Working Group.

2.4 A full report, incorporating the new policy and procedure, equality impact assessment and the response to the questions raised by the EHRC, will be presented to the next meeting of the Committee in October.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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