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A Police Authorities Perspective on the Changing Landscape

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Where have we found ourselves now?

- Greater accountability on police authorities in ensuring their forces deliver as a result of the New Performance Landscape
- With this, public expectation will grow on what an police authority can deliver for communities

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How is the Landscape Looking from a Police Authority perspective?

- Still a bit of fog to see through.....
- Getting to know how we can start getting direction, and how to get us there
- The mechanics of how this is managed and by whom is a bit of a challenge.....
- Bit of "Who Knows, Wins".....apologies to the SAS!

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What next then.....?

- The APA is taking a stronger role at the corporate level, such as actively engaged in the Police Performance Steering Group (PPSG) representing police authorities.
- Improving support through better training on performance management and engaging with NPIA in how they can support police authorities better
- More developed thinking about capacity needed and what can be done

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Putting this in Context.....

Challenges

- Capacity still an issue with police authorities
- Relationships with partners still uneven
- Lot of "churn" in terms of introduction of The Pledge, Confidence Target, CAA, Rounded Assessment, Police Authority Inspection....
- Legislative changes through the Policing and Crime Bill, and the forthcoming White Paper...

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...yes there's more!

- Having to improve against a very tough background of reducing public spending after 2011
- Existing efficiencies more aligned with keeping current levels of service
- Possibility of another Government seeking directly elected Police Commissioners
- Communities still expecting that their police force will be keeping them safe against this background

Navigating through the New Landscape

- A framework approach to link across the inspection and assessment to identify where they fit together
- Opportunity for police authorities to step up to the mark and enhance the long term future of police authorities in the political field of alternatives
- Maximising value from the resources applied within the performance scrutiny role to support our case with our partners, ACPO and the Home Office for future settlements

In summary

- Police Authorities having a less “cluttered” landscape through better understanding of the roles and links between inspection/assessment
- The APA working with partners to develop this, as well as how we can support police authorities on capacity and capability
- The APA working with and supporting police authorities in how they can work with their forces to clearly deliver effective and efficient policing
- Defending the role of police authorities by what we do, and how we do it

Thank you for your time, and the opportunity

.....I don't get out much from the APA Secretariat to talk at these events!

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