

**Anthony Stansfeld, Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley's response to HMICs Core Business Report:**

“The HMIC Core Business report was published in September 2014. The main focus of the report – aimed at all Forces - is crime prevention, police attendance and use of police time. I welcome the Chief Constable’s response to this HMIC which I considered at my public meeting on 20 January 2015.

It is clear that many of HMIC’s recommendations are already covered within the Force Delivery Plan, existing working practices or ongoing elements of the Force Change Programme. The Contact Management Programme, Patrol Strategy and the Neighbourhood Policing Review, being the key activities.

Given that the current climate is one of continuing financial austerity for Thames Valley, it is unclear whether the cost-benefits in implementing a number of HMIC recommendations would bring about tangible service improvements.

I therefore support the Chief Constable’s pragmatic approach that where HMIC’s recommendations cannot be fully met, the Force has in place a number of alternative – but equally appropriate - plans and processes in place which aspire to meet the same outcomes.

HMIC recently introduced a new inspection regime which is a wider examination of police efficiency, effectiveness and legitimacy (PEEL). Certain aspects of this regime effectively supersede the Core Business inspection; initial findings of Thames Valley Police’s PEEL Assessment can be read via the following link <http://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmic/thames-valley/> “