



Welcome to the Commissioner's weekly horizon scanning brief:

1. **Legislation** (Legislation, Home Office, APCC, press comments, reports and campaigns relating to strategy, policy and programmes)
2. **Policing and crime key developments** (relevant crime and criminal justice information and partners' policy/reports/campaigns)
3. **Reports** (covering research, reviews, inspections and audits across policing and crime)
4. **Consultations** (police and crime bulletins, research, consultations and press releases)

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1. Legislation

[New powers to tackle anti-social behaviour](#)

The House of Commons Library has published its first briefing paper on the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill.

[Second reading \(Lords\) of the Offender Rehabilitation Bill - May 20](#)

The **Offender Rehabilitation Bill** received an unopposed second reading in the Lords and now awaits consideration in committee.

[European Parliament approves EU-wide civil law protection for victims](#)

Victims of stalking, harassment or gender-based violence who are granted protection in one member state will get equivalent protection if they move or travel to another, without having to go through time-consuming formalities. These civil law rules complement the European Protection Order, which already provides similar protection under criminal law.

2. Policing and crime key developments

[National register and stronger scrutiny essential to prevent maverick decision-making by PCCs says committee](#)

The Home Affairs Committee have published its report 'Police and Crime Commissioners: Register of Interests' on Thursday 23 May 2013. This is the first report providing comprehensive register of Police and Crime Commissioners' interests, pay, costs, second jobs and offices.

[LGA responds to committee report into Police and Crime Commissioners](#)

Responding to the Home Affairs Select Committee report into Police and Crime Commissioners, Cllr Mehboob Khan, Chair of the Local Government Association's Safer and Stronger Communities Board, said: "Police and crime panels have been making effective use of the powers they have been provided with by Parliament to hold Police and Crime Commissioners to account since the November elections last year. Although the powers are limited in scope, discussions at police and crime panels can provide a good check and balance and many panels have made valuable comments in respect of the appointment of

deputies and other issues, some of which have been accepted and acted upon. In one in six cases panels have not recommended the appointment of the deputy put forward by the PCC.

[Independent report finds scope for millions to be saved in fire service](#)

An independent report by Sir Ken Knight highlights the scope for changes to the fire and rescue service.

[Stop Learning Disability Hate Crime](#)

Stop Hate UK has launched a helpline in England and Wales funded by the Ministry of Justice Victim and Witnesses Fund.

[Traffic courts in every area](#)

Local areas are being urged to set up a 'Traffic Court' to deal with low-level offences to reduce delays and focus on more serious and contested cases.

[Clegg to announce measures to help prisoners not to offend](#)

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg gives a speech on crime and rehabilitation at NACRO, the UK's largest crime reduction charity.

More government contract opportunities published

New details of future government business opportunities have been updated so suppliers big and small can plan ahead, invest and ultimately bid for more public sector contracts. Information about what government will be buying over the next 4 to 5 years across a range of industry sectors, including construction, ICT, health and those across local authorities, brings the total of available contracts to nearly £79 billion. Visit [Contracts Finder](#) for future government contracting opportunities over £10,000.

[The Metropolitan Police is considering outsourcing £800 million of its back office functions](#) in order to help meet the £500 million of savings required under government plans.

The contracts would involve the impounding of vehicles, human resources and finance capabilities being transferred to private sector companies.

The Legal Services Consumer Panel has warned that proposals by the Ministry of Justice to reduce the criminal legal aid budget by £220 million will damage the justice system.

The Justice Select Committee is likely to hold an inquiry into the measures, which include restricting the ability of defendants to choose their own counsel ([Guardian](#)).

3. Reports

[Home Secretary addresses the Police Federation Annual Conference](#)

The transcript of Teresa May's speech.

[Government announces measures to help voluntary sector and mutuals compete for contracts to cut reoffending](#)

A comprehensive package of measures to help the voluntary sector and mutuals compete for contracts to cut reoffending has been announced by the Cabinet Office and the Ministry of Justice. This follows proactive engagement with a range of organisations from the voluntary sector, social enterprises and entrepreneurial staff in Probation Trusts looking to form new

mutuals. Many of these measures are being introduced in response to the recommendations set out in social enterprise organisation 3SC's action plan. This follows existing support from the Cabinet Office that gives probation staff mutuals access to a £10m Mutuals Support Programme.

The Ministry of Justice has postponed the outsourcing of five prisons to the private sector.

This follows last week's decision to bring in auditors to investigate contracts for electronic tagging and the monitoring of offenders on which the Ministry believes it has overpaid ([FT](#); [Guardian](#)).

Severe Weather Preparedness and Resiliency

Business Continuity in the face of hurricanes, storms, tornadoes and other severe weather report and awareness week.

Immigration Statistics, January to March 2013

The Home Office's Immigration Statistics January – March 2013 release provides the latest figures on those subject to immigration control, for the period up to the end of March 2013.

Universal Credit pilots to be extended

It has been decided to extend the pilots until the end of the year in order that support for social housing tenants moving to Universal Credit can be further developed.

Work Programme: Government employment scheme not reaching the most disadvantaged, says Committee

The Work Programme has the potential to work well for relatively mainstream jobseekers but is unlikely to reach the most disadvantaged long-term unemployed people, argues the Work and Pensions Committee in a Report published today.

Deputy Prime Minister's speech: The Rehabilitation Revolution

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg spoke on crime and rehabilitation on 20 May 2013. Originally given at Nacro, London. This is a transcript of the speech, exactly as it was delivered.

Small businesses in fight against cyber crime

Small businesses can help protect themselves from cyber crime, Security Minister James Brokenshire said at an industry conference this week. A report published this week by the [Federation of Small Businesses, Cyber security and fraud: the impact on small businesses](#) attributed the cost of cyber fraud to small businesses as around £785 million a year.

It Gets Better

As part of International Day Against Homophobia (IDAHO) the Association of Chief Police Officers and the College of Policing have released 'It Gets Better'. A video in which LGBT officers from across the country tell their stories, providing a message of transformation, hope and encouragement to vulnerable young people

[Social Impact Bonds](#)

The Centre for Social Impact Bonds has launched two new tools to support the development of social impact bonds

[Business is booming for sex shop boss who turns fourth former Little Chef into 'couple friendly adult superstore'](#)

High pressure on Accident and Emergency wards has led senior doctors to warn the Health Select Committee that the situation is becoming unmanageable.

The President of the College of Emergency Medicine, Mike Clancy, said that many NHS staff have “parked the four hour target because it is so difficult to manage, while Patrick Cadogan, of the Royal College of Physicians, warned that one reason for the pressure on Accident and Emergency wards was the public’s lack of confidence in alternatives for out of hours care ([Times](#); [Independent](#); [BBC Online](#)).

[Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

Live tables on house building.

[Live tables on social housing](#)

[Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

Troubled families: progress information on the number of families worked with in year 1.

[Association of Convenience Stores](#)

Planning for Diverse Local Centres.

[British Institute of Human Rights](#)

Mental Health Advocacy and Human Rights.

[Homeless Watch](#)

Nowhere to move.

[Ministry of Justice](#)

The development and Year One Implementation of the Local Justice Reinvestment Pilot.

[NatCen](#)

Public attitudes to poverty and welfare 1983-2001.

[New Philanthropy Capital](#)

The Journey to Employment.

[Taylor and Francis](#)

Framing the alcohol policy debate: industry actors and the regulation of the UK beverage alcohol market.

[Third Sector Research Council](#)

Doing emotion, doing policy; the emotional role of ‘grassroots’ community activists in poverty policy-making.

4. Consultations

Further consultation on equal pay audits launched

The government has published a [second consultation](#) asking businesses about their views on the detail of equal pay audits and the likely contents of impending legislation.

Following the [Modern Workplaces](#) consultation in 2011, the Government announced that it would implement a proposal which will require employment tribunals to order an employer to conduct an equal pay audit where the employer is found to have broken equal pay law.