

## **AGENDA NO: 8**

### **POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – 3 JUNE 2013**

### **POLICE AND CRIME PLAN APRIL 2013 TO MARCH 2017**

### **REPORT BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

*To present the final Police and Crime Plan April 2013 to March 2017 to members.*

#### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 In accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, a Police and Crime Plan must be issued as soon as practicable after the Police and Crime Commissioner takes office and before the end of the financial year.
- 1.2 The Police and Crime Panel reviewed my draft Police and Crime Plan for Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole 2013 to 2017 at its last meeting in February. After further refinement in the light of views and contributions from Panel members and public consultation, my Plan was formally launched on Thursday 28 March. The Plan was also launched internally to Dorset Police senior police officers and members of police staff at a series of launch events hosted jointly by the Chief Constable and myself.
- 1.3 The Plan was produced based on guidance provided by the Association of Police and Crime Commissioner Chief Executives (formerly the Association of Police Authority Chief Executives). Full consideration was given to the equalities issues in the development of the Plan which also sets out how I will engage and consult with local people.
- 1.4 My Plan has been informed by a comprehensive understanding of local needs and has considered the views of the public, partners, other stakeholders and victims in particular collected during the PCC election campaign, which formed the basis of my PCC manifesto. It sets out my strategic objectives and priorities alongside the financial and other resources that I am providing to the Chief Constable to achieve them. It also shows how performance against the priorities will be monitored. A separate report to this meeting will enable members to explore in greater detail how the Police and Crime Panel will review and monitor the progress of my Police and Crime Plan against the Plan and its priorities.

#### **2. FINAL VERSION OF POLICE AND CRIME PLAN**

- 2.1 The final version of my Police and Crime Plan was submitted to be circulated to Panel members in March, but the opportunity is taken now to formally present the Plan to members, to explain the key changes made to the Plan since the draft was reviewed by members in February and to provide members with some supporting information about the measures that have been taken to publicise the Plan. The final version of my Plan as published by 31 March 2013 is attached at Appendix A.

## Key Priorities

2.2 My Key Priorities remain unchanged, to work in partnership with our communities and relevant agencies to:

- Reduce the number of victims of crime and anti-social behaviour
- Reduce the number of people seriously harmed in Dorset
- Help protect the public from serious threats (local, regional and national) to their safety including organised crime and terrorism
- Reduce re-offending
- Increase people's satisfaction with policing in Dorset
- Support neighbourhood policing that is appropriate for both rural and urban communities in Dorset

## Changes to the Police & Crime plan.

2.3 The list below shows the main changes that were made to the draft plan after being reviewed at the Police and Crime Panel meeting on 7 February in response to feedback from the Panel and public consultation. There were also a number of changes to the running order of the Plan, some sections were combined and some material was transferred from the main Plan to an appropriate appendix. Suitable graphics and photographs were added to enhance the overall presentation of the document.

- Wording of the PCC's Vision was re-ordered to put victims first.
- 'Budget' paragraph added to the executive summary.
- Strategic objectives incorporated in the Vision section.
- Summary paragraphs of the priorities removed to avoid duplication
- The section – 'recognition of the needs of diverse and potentially vulnerable groups' was expanded.
- 'Our commitment to value for money' was included in the Finance section.
- The 'achievements' section was removed acknowledging that the Plan needs to look forward.
- Cyber crime was added to emerging themes.
- 'Strategy for engagement with victims, communities and partners' was expanded.
- There were some minor changes to the wording of the priority pages.
- How I will monitor performance and hold the Chief Constable to account for operational delivery' was expanded.
- The 'National Threats' section was expanded to show how they are managed.
- Reference to the Joint Independent Audit Committee was added.
- 'How the public can get involved' was expanded.
- Appendix 1 'key points from delivery plans' deleted as it duplicated content in priority pages.
- 'Performance measures' appendix replaced by 'outcomes & measures' appendix.
- Appendix 4 'Mind-map' re-drawn and re-titled 'commitments' – but content unchanged.

### **3. PUBLICATION OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN**

- 3.1 My Police and Crime Plan has been published on my website and a link to the Plan has been sent to a wide range of partners and stakeholders, including Dorset MPs. However, I am conscious that the full document is quite a big document and I believe it is right to seek to widen accessibility for my Plan as much as possible. For that reason, two supporting documents have been produced electronically and in hard copy as described below.
- 3.2 The Police and Crime Plan Summary is a folded A3 size document that distils my plan into 4 pages. The focus of the summary is on the budget, my vision and the six priorities contained within the Plan. Each priority is described with details of what we will do and the results we are seeking to achieve. The opportunity was also taken to provide contact details to enable my Office to be contacted by mail, email and social media. A copy of the Police and crime Plan Summary 2013/17 is attached to this report at Appendix B.
- 3.3 A shorter folded A4 document is intended to provide a very brief summary indeed of the key strands contained within my Police and Crime Plan. The document includes a signed introduction from myself and a full page graphic setting out the key commitments that are driving my Plan. The opportunity was also taken to provide my contact details in a range of formats and to welcome views and contact from members of the public. This smaller summary leaflet is attached to this report at Appendix C.

### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 My Police and Crime Plan describes how I will ensure better coordination between Dorset Police and other criminal justice and community safety partners to improve outcomes for the whole community of Dorset. It describes the activity that will take place throughout my term in office and lays out my strategic objectives and key priorities alongside the financial and other resources that I will provide to the Chief Constable to achieve them.
- 4.2 The Plan also shows how performance against the priorities will be monitored to enable me, on behalf of the public, to hold the Chief Constable to account for operational policing and ensure that the highest standards of local policing are consistently delivered. It also provides the basis for this Panel to monitor progress in the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan against the Plan and its priorities.
- 4.3 Over the term of my office, my Police and Crime Plan will be subject to review and revision to reflect changing needs and circumstances and, of course, at that time I will bring the Plan back to the Panel for their consideration and will welcome the views and contributions of Panel members.

### **5. RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 Members are recommended to note the final version of my Police and Crime Plan attached at Appendix A as published by 31 March 2013.

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Appendices

Appendix A Police and Crime Plan April 2013 to March 2017  
Appendix B Police and Crime Plan Summary  
Appendix C Police and Crime Plan Leaflet