

**POLICE & CRIME PANEL – 24 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2017-2021**

**REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**PURPOSE OF THE PAPER**

*This paper updates members of the Police and Crime Panel of a light-touch refresh of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021.*

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Police and Crime Plans are a statutory requirement for all police force areas as defined in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. They must be issued as soon as practicable after the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) takes office and cover the period up to the end of the financial year in which the next Police and Crime Commissioner election is expected to take place.
- 1.2 The current Police and Crime Plan was published in March 2017 and built on the PCC's commitments following his re-election in May 2016. It is intended to run for the duration of the term of office and beyond the next scheduled PCC election in May 2020.
- 1.3 By way of context, the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires PCCs to hold their Chief Constables to account for the operational delivery of policing and secure and maintain efficient and effective local policing services. How they plan to do this, the resources they will make available to the police and others and what the PCC's local objectives and priorities will be, are the subject of the Police and Crime Plan.
- 1.4 Quarterly performance reports are submitted to the Panel on performance and progress against the Police and Crime Plan. The statutory Annual Report, which is the subject of a separate report to this meeting, provides an overview of activity against the Plan. The 2018/19 Annual Report has recently been finalised and published having been presented to the last meeting of the Panel in draft format.

**2. PLAN REFRESH**

- 2.1 While the main elements of the Police and Crime Plan are designed to remain unchanged the PCC has taken the opportunity to undertake a light touch 'refresh' to ensure that the content remains relevant and that any new or emerging issues since its initial publication are accurately reflected.
- 2.2 A revised draft version of the Plan is attached at Appendix A with proposed changes highlighted in red. In summary, the main amendments are:
  - An updated contextual statement added to the original Plan Introduction;
  - The recognition of the Commissioner's focus on **Veterans** as one core element of his safeguarding and vulnerability work under Pillar 1;

- More content and emphasis on the importance of tackling **Hate Crime** (Pillar 1);
- Acknowledgement of the Government's further **Probation Reforms** and links with local and regional priorities relating to tackling reoffending (Pillar 3);
- Updates in the 'Commitments' sections of each of the four Pillars to highlight key pledges made by the Commissioner during the term of office (and in addition to those originally identified in his Manifesto).

### **3. PANEL MEMBER FEEDBACK**

- 3.1 The PCC welcomes comments from Police and Crime Panel Members on the refreshed Plan and proposed changes and will consider any such feedback ahead of finalising this version. It is requested that any views should be returned to the Chief Executive by Friday 11 October 2019.

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The Panel is asked to note the updates made to the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 and to provide feedback ahead of publication of the final version.

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#### Appendices

Appendix A: Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021 - draft September 2019 Update