

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – 12 AUGUST 2021

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN UPDATE

REPORT BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide an update on the development of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan, and to formally invite members to provide feedback on the draft of the Plan.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As detailed at July's meeting of the Dorset Police and Crime Panel, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) intends to publish his first Police and Crime Plan by 31 October 2021. This date is approximately five months ahead of the deadline specified in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act (PRSRA) 2011.
- 1.2 The PCC's Plan will be informed by the research that he undertook in the three years prior to his election on Thursday 6 May 2021, as well as the correspondence, detailed briefings and consultation activity that he has considered since taking up office.
- 1.3 A draft of the PCC's Police and Crime Plan has now been produced and consultation with the public and key partners is ongoing.

2. ANALYSIS

- 2.1. The PCC's vision is that Dorset should be the safest county in England and Wales, and he has identified six priorities for his Plan. These priorities, which follow on from his election manifesto, are:
 - **Cut Crime and ASB:** The police will robustly prevent and detect crime and tackle the constant grind of ASB – so people across Dorset see a clear difference and feel safer.
 - **Make Policing More Visible and Connected:** To increase the number and visibility of police officers in our neighbourhood teams so police again fulfil a prevention role. Contact and connectivity between police and public will be improved.
 - **Fight Violent Crime and High Harm:** To tackle organised gangs, be tough on drugs and tackle high harm incidents such as child abuse, domestic abuse, hate crime and modern slavery.
 - **Fight Rural Crime:** To significantly increase the rural crime team and their capabilities and to have specific strategies for crimes and issues affecting the rural community.

- **Put Victims and Communities First:** Support all victims – particularly those most vulnerable – and build community strength by working together and addressing needs.
- **Make Every Penny Count:** By resourcing and transforming the frontline and reducing administration, so patrol and response teams can spend more time in communities and making residents feel safer.

2.2. The PCC has decided that the Plan should cover the period 2021-2028. This is, in part, in recognition of the shorter term of office brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, but also due to the ambition of his Plan.

2.3. In developing the Police and Crime Plan, the PCC is required to consider the views of the local community and victims of crime, as well as have regard to the Strategic Policing Requirement.

2.4. The PRSRA sets out a range of areas that must be included in the Police and Crime Plan – this includes, but is not limited to, the PCC’s police and crime objectives; the policing that the Chief Constable is to provide; and the means by which the Chief Constable’s performance in providing policing will be measured.

3. PROGRESS TO DATE

3.1. The PCC and OPCC have been working alongside the Force and partner agencies to bring together the content for the draft Plan. There is strong synergy between the ambitions contained within the draft Police and Crime Plan and those of partner agencies. The same is true of the national priorities and the Government’s recently published Beating Crime Plan.

3.2. The PCC has sent a draft of the Police and Crime Plan to the Chief Constable and, by the time of this Panel meeting, a draft will also have been circulated to Police and Crime Panel members, Community Safety Partnerships, the Dorset Criminal Justice Board and other key partners.

3.3. As members will be aware, the OPCC is currently consulting members of the public. This includes digital and face-to-face engagement to ensure that the Plan is best informed by the views of Dorset’s communities. While COVID-19 restrictions have made this consultation work more challenging, many people have nevertheless been able to hear about the PCC’s emerging Police and Crime Plan and share their views.

4. CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

4.1. The PCC remains on track to issue a Police and Crime Plan for the period 2021-28 by the end of October 2021.

4.2. By the time of this meeting, Panel members will have received a draft of the Plan for their consideration. The PCC must have regard to reports or recommendations made about the Plan by the Panel. He must provide the Panel with a response about any such report or recommendations and this response must be published.

4.3. Members are asked to provide their feedback and recommendations on the draft Plan by the end of Tuesday 31 August 2021.

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