



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive

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UPDATE TO POLICE AND CRIME PLAN – OBJECTIVE 4 ‘KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE’

1. Purpose

1.1 To update the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) on plans to refresh Objective 4 ‘Keeping people safe’ of the Police and Crime Commissioner’s (“the Commissioner”) Police and Crime Plan (“the Plan”).

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Board note the contents of this report and endorse the framework for the revised Objective 4 ‘Keeping people safe’.

3. Background

3.1 The Plan was published in 2012 following the election of the Commissioner. Over the term of his appointment the strategic direction of Cambridgeshire Constabulary (“the Constabulary”) has gradually changed as a result of internal and external strategic drivers and influences.

3.2 In particular the move from national to local commissioning of victims’ services, the transfer of responsibility for victim-initiated Restorative Justices to Police and Crime Commissioners and work to drive partnership working within the mental health agenda has changed the current landscape. This, and changes to the governance around domestic abuse, a greater awareness of child sexual exploitation and hate crime, need to be properly reflected within the Plan.

3.3 It is recognised that Objective 4 does in part reflect both the Constabulary and Partners’ work to implement the county’s Victim Strategy: A Strategic Vision of Support for Victims in Cambridgeshire.

4. Keeping people safe – A new framework

4.1 The refreshed Objective 4 ‘Keeping people safe’ will take the following format:

- **Introduction** – safeguarding is central to the ethos of policing with a focus on prevention. Partnership working in key to keeping people safe.
- **Supporting victims in Cambridgeshire** – move from national to local commissioning of victims’ services to include Victims’ Hub and commissioned support services.
- **Enhanced Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** – co-location and partnership working to protect those who will be hurt, or hurt again if we don’t take action.
- **Domestic abuse** – partnership strategy to ensure professional investigations and support for all victims.
- **Child Sexual Exploitation** – working with voluntary sector and local education partners to ensure effective investigations and safeguarding to reduce repeat victimisation.
- **Hate Crime** – joint statement of intent to respond effectively to reports of hate crime in our communities. The Constabulary’s commitment to Equality Act 2010.
- **Restorative Justice** – developing and implementing victim-initiated Restorative Justice in the county, moving towards full face-to-face conferencing to improve victim satisfaction, increase offender desistance and create safer, stronger communities.
- **Mental Health** – ensuring those in mental health crisis receive the right help at the right time from the right people. Working in partnership to prevent people reaching crisis point wherever possible. Influencing the commissioning of effective and responsive mental health services.
- **Young people** – Understanding how we work effectively with partners to support work to prevent young people from risk-taking behaviour. To mention the Volunteer Police Cadet Schemes and grass roots work funded by the Youth Fund.

4.2 The current section on Integrated Offender Management will be moved into Objective 3 ‘Reducing crime and disorder’, which will in part become the Constabulary’s plans to implement the Offender Strategy. In turn the changing emphasis on victim-initiated Restorative Justice, rather than as a disposal mechanism through the previously termed street-level Restorative Justice, lends itself for inclusion within Objective 4 rather than 3.

4.3 **Outcomes and Actions** – following the lead from the update to Objective 1 both the outcomes and actions will be removed. New **Measures of Success** are being drawn up as part of a refreshed Performance Framework.

4.4 **Pledges from the Police and Crime Commissioner** – the Commissioner’s current pledges remain relevant to this Objective:

- **Taking a preventative approach** – Prevention and early intervention is key with persistent offenders and troubled families.

- **Young people** – I am committed to supporting work with young people to divert them away from a life of crime.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 Members of the Board note the contents of this report and endorse the framework for the revised Objective 4 ‘Keeping people safe’.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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