



# Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner

**To:** Business Co-ordination Board

**From:** Chief Executive

**Date:** 21 September 2016

## **Developing a Police and Crime Plan (Community Safety and Criminal Justice) for Cambridgeshire**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Business Co-ordination Board (the "Board") on the progress for the creation of the Police and Crime Commissioner's (the "Commissioner") Police and Crime Plan (the "Plan").

### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 The Board is recommended to note this report.

### **3. Background**

3.1 A Police and Crime Commissioner is required to issue a Plan as soon as practicable after taking office - specifically before the end of the financial year which they are elected (31<sup>st</sup> March 2017). The Plan must determine and direct and communicate the Commissioner's priorities during their period in office and set out for the period of issue:

- the Commissioner's **police and crime objectives** for the area
- the policing of the area which the Chief Constable is to provide
- the financial and other resources which the Commissioner is to provide the Chief Constable
- the means by which the Chief Constable will report to the Commissioner on the provision of policing

- the means by which the Chief Constable's performance in providing policing will be measured
  - the services which the Commissioner is to provide or arrange to support crime and disorder reduction or help victims of witness of crime and anti-social behaviour (**crime and disorder reduction and victims' service grants**).
  - any grants which the Commissioner is to make and the conditions if any of those grants.
- 3.3 In preparing the Plan the Commissioner must 'have regard to the relevant priorities of each responsible authority' – the authorities have a duty to co-operate with the Commissioner for the purpose of formulating the Plan. The Commissioner must also make arrangements to obtain the views of the community (including victims of crime) on policing and ensure an efficient and effective criminal justice system.
- 3.4 The Plan must achieve value for money, ensure the Chief Constable fulfils their duties relating to equality and diversity and have regard: to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, the Strategic Policing Requirement and guidance or codes of practice issued by the Secretary of State.

#### **4. Progress of the Cambridgeshire Plan**

- 4.1 The Commissioner decided to build his plan around an overarching 'Plan on a Page' strategic summary. This single page sets out the priority Police and Crime Objective themes of: Victims, Offenders, Communities, and Transformation. Each theme has its own aim and suggests a framework through a series of shared outcomes to enable all agencies with a part to play in community safety and criminal justice to strategically direct the future delivery of services through these common goals.
- 4.2 The proposed priorities for each overarching Police and Crime Objective are set out in a series of second pages. These five pages plus Forewords from the Commissioner, his deputy and the Chief Constable were shared with the Police and Crime Panel (the "Panel") at their meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The Commissioner stated that the Plan would not be developed in isolation but would be shaped by the views of the Panel, partners and the public.
- 4.3 The Panel made a series of comments and suggestions on the Plan, which the Commissioner noted. These ranged from how information was presented, to specific comments on the proposed priorities, and how the performance would be monitored. Overall, in delivering the Plan and ensuring best value for Cambridgeshire, it was recognised that it was critical to get the balance right between the demands and challenges of policing and the finite resource available.
- 4.4 Both the Commissioner and the Panel acknowledged that a strategic partnership approach was required to deliver the Plan in both the short and long term. There was a recognition that all partners needed to be clear of the collective responsibility for certain actions, yet also their responsibility for leading on direct action or dealing with the underlying causes that can lead to offending or becoming a victim. This includes

for example the health service effectively supporting people in mental health crisis, or local authorities dealing with deprivation.

## **5. Next Steps**

- 5.1 Engagement on the Plan has been ongoing throughout its development, in particular with Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and this will continue as the Plan is finalised. Over the coming months the focus will shift towards public engagement, but will also include further work with stakeholders.
- 5.2 The final sections of the Plan will be worked up throughout October and November. This will include narrative around each theme and the resources set to be allocated to the Plan.
- 5.3 The Commissioner has invited the Panel to support the development of the performance framework through ongoing discussions and to provide a briefing session on the use of Crime and Disorder Reduction and Victims' Services Grants.
- 5.4 It is intended that a final version of the Plan will be shared with this Board at the 16 December 2016 meeting. It will then be taken to the Panel for final comments on 1 February 2017.

## **6. Recommendation**

- 6.1 The Board is recommended to note this report.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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