



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive

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POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

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 approve the Plan (attached Appendix A).

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 (i.e. by 31st March 2017). The Plan must determine, 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.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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.

4.0 Development of the Plan

- 4.1 The Commissioner has built his plan around an overarching 'Plan on a Page' strategic summary. The plan is structured around four key strategic themes: 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. Each theme is supported by a second page that sets out the key objectives and priorities for action. The Business Intelligence Information section shows how the delivery of the plan will be monitored.
- 4.2 The Commissioner stated that the Plan would not be developed in isolation but would be shaped by the views of the Panel, police, partners and the public. A significant amount of engagement has taken place with the public, the police and our strategic partners to inform the final Plan.
- 4.3 In preparing the Plan the Commissioner was keen to understand the views of the public. Since his election in May 2016 he spent a considerable amount of time talking to members of the public at police contact points, surgeries, community meetings and while on patrol with officers. In addition the Commissioner undertook a survey to ask the public what was important to them regarding crime and policing. Over 3,500 people responded and these views have been used to help shape the priorities.
- 4.4 It is important that the Plan aligns with the operational priorities which are developed by the Chief Constable and his senior management team. A number of sessions have taken place jointly between the OPCC and the Constabulary to make sure that both organisations planning processes are working together.
- 4.5 The Commissioner recognised that that all partners need 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. The draft Plan has been shared with strategic partners and their viewpoints taken on board.

4.6 The Police and Crime Panel (the “Panel”) has been kept informed and involved as the plan has developed at their meeting on the 7th September 2016 The Panel made a series of comments and suggestions on the Plan, which the Commissioner noted. 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.

5. Next Steps

5.1 The final version of the Plan will be taken to the Panel for final comments on 1 February 2017.

6. Recommendation

6.1 The Board is recommended to approve the Plan (attached Appendix A).

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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