



## Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel

17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS (Part 2)

#### Purpose of report

To advise the Police and Crime Panel on the scope of part 2 of the Police and Crime Commissioner review instigated by the Home Office.

#### Background

In July 2021 the Policing Minister, Kit Malthouse, wrote to PCCs to confirm the launch of Part Two of the Government's review into the role of Police and Crime Commissioners. This letter was accompanied by the Terms of Reference which outlines both the focus and scope for the second part of the review.

Both the letter from the Minister and the Terms of Reference are appended to this report. Police and Crime Panel members will recall that the outcomes from Part 1 of the review were discussed at the July 2021 Police and Crime Panel meeting.

The focus of Part 2 of the review is on ensuring that PCCs have the tools they require to better equip them to fight crime and on scrutiny of the PCC model.

#### The review will focus on the following broad areas:

**Offender Management:** The review will look at the role of PCCs within existing operating models, working with the Ministry of Justice and Probation Service.

**Partnership Landscape:** The review will assess if more needs to be done to allow PCCs to drive and coordinate local activity to reduce crime with a focus on LCJBs, CSPs and VRUs.

**Public Confidence:** The review will focus on and identify ways for PCCs to secure and maintain public confidence in tackling crime and ASB, including the use of Community Triggers in tackling ASB.

**Police and Crime Panels:** The review will look specifically at the benefits of independent panel members, securing the right skill sets and strengthening panel support.

**Complaints:** The review will review the existing mechanisms for investigating complaints and allegations against PCCs, including the role of IOPC and also vexatious complaints.

**Recall of PCCs:** The review will look at the merits and demerits of introducing a recall for PCCs where there has been a serious breach of behaviour.



**Data:** Through both this review and the upcoming Spending Review the Home Office wishes to examine how PCCs can most effectively use data to hold their Chief Constables to account for the efficiency and effectiveness of their police service.

As with Part 1 of the review, the terms of reference state that this is not a review of the fundamental model of PCCs or policing structures. The review seeks to support and strengthen PCCs within existing structures, including the target operating model of the Probation Service.

**Consultation process and next steps:**

We anticipate that the review will report to government in November 2021 and as the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner we will be actively participating in any calls for evidence as part of the consultation process and making a contribution to the Association of Police and Crime Commissioner's coordination of responses.

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