

## DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

**Subject:** Final Police and Crime Plan

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### Executive Summary:

Section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011<sup>1</sup> requires that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) must issue a Police and Crime Plan within the financial year in which each ordinary election is held or as soon as practical after taking up office. In preparing the Plan, the PCC is required to consult with the Chief Constable. The PCC and Community Safety Partnerships have a reciprocal duty to have regard to each other's priorities.

The Act also requires that Police and Crime Panel (PCP) review the PCC's draft Police and Crime Plan, or any variation. The PCC is required to have regard to any report or recommendations made by the PCP in relation to the draft plan or any variation and give a response to any report or recommendations and publish that response. The plan is both a core planning tool for PCCs and an important mechanism for communicating their intentions to the public, police, partners, panel and other stakeholders.

The Panel was consulted on the draft Plan at the meetings held on 17 January and 8 February 2013. The Panel agreed the final draft of the Plan at the meeting on 8 February 2013 subject to the PCC reviewing the webcast and taking account of the feedback provided at that meeting.

The Police and Crime Plan before the Panel today (Appendix I) is the final document which the PCC was required to finalise and publish by 31 March 2013.

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### Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel considers whether it wishes to endorse the final version of the Police and Crime Plan.

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### Alternative options considered, and reasons for recommended action:

The Panel can decide not to endorse the final version but this will have no further impact on the Police and Crime Plan. The Panel and the PCC have complied with the statutory functions as stated in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

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### Background Papers: none

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/13/contents/enacted>

## **I. Background**

- 1.1 Members will recall that, at the meeting of the Police and Crime Panel held on 17 January 2013, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) gave a presentation about the emerging strategic themes, objectives and priorities for the Police and Crime Plan and how they would be delivered.
- 1.2 At that meeting, the PCC confirmed that the Plan was still under development and that the consultation period with members of the public would start in the next few days.
- 1.3 At the Police and Crime Panel meeting of 8 February 2013, the PCC presented the draft Plan; stated that the consultation had resulted in 140 responses and also advised that he (PCC) had fully consulted with the Chief Constable about the plan.
- 1.4 It was agreed at the meeting of the Police and Crime Panel of 8 February that the:
  - Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel approve the Police and Crime Plan subject to comments made to the PCC by members of the Panel and recorded on the webcast and in the minutes; and
  - Police and Crime Commissioner is requested to submit a final copy of the Plan to members of the Police and Crime Panel prior to its next publication.
- 1.5 Members may ask further questions about the final version of the Plan. However, the final version cannot now be changed as it must be published by 31 March 2013.