

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY PLYMOUTH IN RESPONSE TO THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER'S PROPOSALS FOR A REFRESH OF THE POLICE & CRIME PLAN FOR 2015/16.

In the main, recommendations made by Plymouth to the Police and Crime Commissioner have been taken account of to a greater or lesser extent. What follows are the recommendations from Plymouth that do not appear to have been taken account of/included in the refresh which Safer Plymouth are invited to discuss:

PLYMOUTH'S UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS:

- The Refresh did not include the fact that Plymouth has a quarter of the crime in Devon and Cornwall and, therefore, Policing resources need to continue to reflect this.
- No mention made in the Refresh of Welfare Reform and its potential for associated rises which are likely to be disproportionate in Plymouth to other areas across the force.
- Whilst the issue of domestic abuse has been given more prominence in the Refresh, the disproportionate level of domestic abuse in Plymouth not mentioned.
- Are Safer Plymouth of the view/satisfied that the performance measures in the Refresh are sufficiently SMARTer?

OTHER POINTS:

- *(Bullet Point 4 in Plymouth's letter)* Still not clear how the Force will balance enhanced capacity and capability around the issue of Cybercrime without impacting on 'visible' frontline policing at a time of unprecedented cuts/stretched resources.
- *(Bullet Point 5 in Plymouth's letter)* It has not been made clear how the resource shift from 'reaction' to 'prevention' will be delivered, and how the Prevention Directorate will join up with existing local delivery – eg Plymouth Safeguarding Adults/Children's Board, CSP and Health and Wellbeing Board.
- *(Bullet Point 7 in Plymouth's letter)* No response received as to what explicit support the P&CC could offer in respect of local activity to address ASB, low-level volume crime, and community safety issues.
- *(Bullet Point 8 in Plymouth's letter)* No response in respect of what support the P&CC might give in respect of rolling out local proactive engagement with the public to gather their views/address their priorities.
- *(Bullet Point 11 in Plymouth's letter)* Concern that the P&CC may seek to ask the public to pay more for keeping up Police numbers – including the possibility of triggering a referendum. No transparent evidence provided/mention in the Refresh of how police officers will be deployed fairly and proportionately across the peninsula based on evidence of need.
- *(Bullet Point 12 in Plymouth's letter)* Have not been responded to yet on how the Strategic Alliance will assist with unlocking efficiencies.
- *(Bullet Point 13 in Plymouth's letter)* Not fully answered. Refresh only alludes to 'additional hours' by other volunteers in policing across Devon & Cornwall – no mention of Neighbourhood Watch.
- *(Bullet Point 14 in Plymouth's letter)* No mention of Preventing Violent Extremism in the Refresh or the 'Prevent Duty'.
- *(Bullet Point 15 in Plymouth's letter)* The P&CC is citing at the beginning of his refresh that the 101 service has been over-hauled successfully – what evidence is there of this?
- The three areas of the original Police and Crime Plan that Plymouth are unclear what progress or activity has been undertaken – this has not been answered or included in the Refresh.