

**DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2015**

To: The Police and Crime Commissioner of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Dated: 6 February 2015

REPORT OF THE DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

I. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to set out the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel's formal response to two items considered at its meeting held on 6 February 2015:

- (a) The Police and Crime Commissioner's plans for refreshing the Police and Crime Plan 2014-2017 as provided and presented to the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel on 6 February 2015; and
- (b) The 2015/16 Precept Notification including the following additional information provided to the Police and Crime Panel by the Police and Crime Commissioner:

- The proposed level of precept – an increase of 1.99%
- The Budget, and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2015/16-2018/19.

2. The Police and Crime Commissioner's plans for refreshing (variation) of the Police and Crime Plan 2014-2017

The Panel considered the Police and Crime Commissioner's plans for refreshing the Police and Crime Plan 2014-17.

Agreed that:

- (i) Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel approve the Police and Crime Commissioner's plans for refreshing the Police and Crime Plan 2014-17 subject to the comments made to the Police and Crime Commissioner's representatives by members of the Panel and recorded on the 'webcast' (and also in the minutes – see below for link). These comments will be finalised by the Host Authority in liaison with the Chair of the Police and Crime Panel and sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner. Legislation requires that the Police and Crime Commissioner must have due regard to any comments and recommendations when finalising the refresh of the Plan; and

- (ii) The Police and Crime Commissioner submits a final copy of the plan to members of the Police and Crime Panel prior to its publication.

The Panel made the following additional specific recommendations:

- (i) That domestic abuse is given distinct and greater prominence and focus in the refresh of the Plan, given that it is one of the main priorities in the Peninsula Strategic Assessment, and
- (ii) That in future, the actual draft Plan is provided to the Panel, rather than a report of plans for refreshing it in order for the draft plan itself to be fully scrutinised in public.

3. 2015/16 Precept Notification

The Police and Crime Panel considered the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposal to increase the precept by 1.99% and the reasoning behind that proposal.

Having considered the evidence presented by the Chief Executive Officer for the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Constable and their support staff, the Police and Crime Panel:

- Agreed unanimously the proposal to increase the precept by 1.99% (15 members present out of 20)
- Recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner:
 - When providing details of proposed significant future savings, to include what each saving represents in percentage terms of the overall budget line.
 - Provide the Panel with a report which details options for giving primacy to non-staff savings as opposed to resorting to staff reductions.
 - Undertake a review of procurement options to maximise on efficiencies and report back to the Panel upon completion.
 - With the Chief Constable, provide a report to the panel on the viability of introducing initiatives and options for the scrapping of untaxed/abandoned vehicles and the potential for income generation.
 - Provide a report to the Panel detailing options for maximising capital receipts, commercialisation and leasing options, joint initiatives with partners, as methods of income generation and maximising return on estates in revenue terms that will minimise reliance on the use of reserves and increase in police precept in the future.
 - Provide the Panel with a detailed report clarifying where staff reductions will be made as a matter of priority.
 - Lobby the Home Office against making cuts to the grant provided to Devon and Cornwall Police of £1.2M for tackling terrorism and allied matters in the South West.

- Provide the Panel with a report of initial details and proposals for income generation in the autumn 2015.
- Report to the Panel a detailed longer-term strategy of how the policing landscape will look in four years' time and how savings will be realised.
- Provide the Panel with a more detailed report to enable them to scrutinise 'earmarked' reserves. This detail should be routinely provided as part of budget/precept-setting reports.

4. Publication

In accordance with statutory provisions the report should be considered in conjunction with the minutes of the meeting which will be available shortly via the following link:
<http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/modgov?modgovlink=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.plymouth.gov.uk%2FmgInternet%2FieListMeetings.aspx%3FCId%3D1051%26amp%3BYear%3D0>



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