

**Police and Crime Panel Meeting  
5 February 2016  
Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2014-2017**

**1. Introduction**

This paper provides an update to the Police and Crime Panel setting out the Commissioner's intentions with regard to his Police and Crime Plan for 2016/17.

**2. Background**

The Police and Crime Plan is a statutory requirement. It sets out the Commissioner's priorities for crime and policing for the area and gives direction to the Chief Constable. Both the Commissioner and Chief Constable must have regard to the Police and Crime Plan in the exercise of their responsibilities.

The current 2014-2017 Police and Crime Plan was first published in April 2014. That Plan set out six ambitious priorities. It set out what the Commissioner will do, what he expects the Chief Constable to do and how the Commissioner will work with partners.

The six priorities are:

- 1. To make our area a safer place to live, work and visit**
- 2. To reduce the crime and harm caused by the misuse of alcohol;**
- 3. To make every penny count to protect policing in the long term**
- 4. To promote an effective Criminal justice System for our area**
- 5. To deliver high quality, accessible help for victims of crime**
- 6. To encourage and enable citizens and communities to play their part.**

The 2014-2017 Police and Crime Plan was refreshed for 2015. While the Commissioner's Six Priorities were reaffirmed in the refresh an increased focus was placed on a number of issues, including child sexual exploitation and cyber crime.

**3. The Police and Crime Plan for 2016/17**

The Commissioner is under a legal duty to keep his Police and Crime Plan under regular review to ensure that it continues to prioritise the community safety and policing matters that are the most important to Devon and Cornwall.

The Police and Crime Panel was advised, at the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 Panel meeting that the Commissioner did not intend to refresh or revise his Police and Crime Plan for 2016/17 in view of the upcoming PCC elections in May 2016.

The Commissioner wrote to partners and stakeholders in January 2016 to update them on his plans and to explain his intentions for 2016/17, namely that the existing Police and Crime Plan, which covers the period up to 2017, would be the focus for policing over the coming months. A copy of the Commissioner's letter is attached to this report. In that letter the Commissioner has asked for any comments or feedback by 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 and will be able to report to the Panel at the meeting on any such feedback.

In reaching this decision the Commissioner has given careful consideration to the need to address any new or emerging issues both locally and nationally.

The existing Police and Crime Plan already placed a strong emphasis on protecting the vulnerable in our society and the two key threats identified in the most recent Peninsula Strategic Assessment (alcohol and domestic abuse/sexual violence) are both the subject of significant activity under the Plan. In addition the 2015 refresh of the Police and Crime Plan increased the focus on safeguarding, child sexual exploitation and cyber crime and embedded a stronger commitment to crime prevention and recognised the increased importance of local action to tackle extremism and counter terrorism.

While the Commissioner does not intend to refresh or amend the Police and Crime Plan he has identified a number of areas where he expects to see additional focus and activity over the coming months to support delivery of the Plan. This includes safeguarding, cyber crime and counter terrorism as well as new action to deliver immediate improve call waiting times for the non emergency 101 service.

#### **4. Next steps**

The Commissioner would welcome any comments from Panel members regarding his proposed approach. Subject to feedback from the Police and Crime Panel and any comments received from partners and stakeholders the Commissioner intends to write formally to the Chief Constable in February to confirm these arrangements. A copy of that letter will be sent to the Panel Chair in advance and will be published on the OPCC website.

#### **Contact for further information**

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