



**Police and Crime Panel Meeting
9 December 2016
Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2017-2020

Introduction

This paper submits the draft Police and Crime Plan for 2017-2020 (the Plan) to the Police and Crime Panel for their views. This is the first Police and Crime Plan for the Commissioner, and whilst subject to regular review and update, will set the focus for the work of the police and the allocation of policing budgets over the Commissioner's term.

Background

On 1st July 2016 the Commissioner presented her draft Police and Crime Plan to the Panel and launched a summer of consultation with the public and partners on her policing priorities and plans for the period to 2020. In October 2016, the Commissioner reported to the Panel her progress on developing the Plan – in particular on the responses to the consultation and the changes that the Commissioner was intending to make to the Plan as a result of the consultation feedback.

A significant programme of consultation took place over Summer 2016, including a public survey, a formal consultation document, focus groups with members of the public, engagement events across the two counties alongside a programme of meetings with local councils, partners and key stakeholders. The consultation closed on 9th September 2016.

As a result of the consultation the Commissioner proposed to make some notable changes to her original draft Police and Crime Plan. The most significant change was to make 'connection' between the police and communities the central tenet of the Plan. Alongside this the Commissioner proposed to retain a strong focus on: preventing and deterring crime, protecting people who are at risk of abuse or who may be vulnerable, supporting victims and witnesses throughout the criminal justice process and on making sure that we get the best out of Devon and Cornwall Police.

The final draft Police and Crime Plan

The final draft of the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2017-2020 is attached to this report at Annex 1. The draft sets out the Commissioner's vision for policing in Devon,

Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and the priorities for action over her term of office. The draft Plan has been co-produced with the Chief Constable.

Safe, Resilient and Connected Communities

Priority 1: Connecting Communities and Policing

*A Local Policing Promise - that policing is
Accessible, Responsive, Informative, Supportive*

Priority 2: Preventing
and deterring crime

Priority 3: Protecting
people at risk of
abuse and those who
are vulnerable

Priority 4: Supporting
victims and witnesses
and helping them to
get justice

Priority 5: Getting the
best out of the police

Financial arrangements

The Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2017-2020 will drive the budgetary approach for policing over the coming years.

At its meeting in February 2017, the Police and Crime Panel will receive a report on the budget and the Commissioner's intentions with regard to the policing precept. At the time of writing this report the OPCC Treasurer and the financial team within Devon and Cornwall Police are continuing to develop the policing budget for 2017-18 and the future Medium Term Financial Statement. We await the final police grant settlement for 2017/18 and beyond in December. The Commissioner remains in discussion with the Chief Constable regarding the available funds to support the delivery of the Plan - in particular additional resources to support connectivity between local communities and the police service. The Police and Crime Panel will receive a full report on the budget at its February 2017 meeting.

The Commissioner has set out her intentions with regard to the commissioning of services from partner organisations in the final draft Commissioning Intentions Plan 2016-2020 which is set out in Annex 2. The Commissioning Intentions Plan aligns with the Commissioner's draft Police and Crime Plan and has been developed in consultation and discussion with partner agencies from across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Measuring success under the Plan

The Commissioner has set a number of strategic measures and indicators to guide the work under this Plan. These are not performance targets – but will enable the Commissioner and the public to consider and assess the extent to which the overarching objectives of the Plan are being achieved and to direct future activity. Many of the measures are qualitative in nature and will be assessed through surveying – as they are

designed to assess how the levels of connection between communities and policing, prevention of future crime and the experience of victims in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

The Commissioner recognises that the provision of clear and transparent information on the performance of the police is important to the public and to partners. It builds confidence and improves awareness - helping them to understand the nature of crime and the work of the police and to raise issues and concerns. In pursuance of the commitment in the Local Policing Promise to ensure policing is 'informative' we will be ensuring that clear information on crime levels, surveys and performance against published service standards in areas such as 101 will be made available to the public.

The Commissioner will also publish an update report every 6 months reporting on progress against the achievement of the actions set out in this Plan – which are collated in Section 4. Alongside these measures the PCC will also take particular regard of HM Inspectors of Constabulary findings and reports on Devon and Cornwall Police.

Next steps and publications

The Commissioner submits her draft Police and Crime Plan 2017-2020 to the Police and Crime Panel for their consideration. The Commissioner intends to publish her final plan in January 2017. Alongside the full Plan document the Commissioner will provide a summary document for the public. The OPCC will also provide accessible versions of the Police and Crime Plan.

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