



Police and Crime Panel Meeting
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Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner

THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS PLANS FOR 2018-2020

Introduction

This paper provides an update to the Police and Crime Panel on the Commissioner's intentions with regards to the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2020. The paper also provides the Panel with a draft of the PCC's Commissioning Intentions Plan for 2018-2020 to support the Police and Crime Plan.

Background

In January 2017 the Commissioner put in place her Police and Crime Plan 2017-2020 'Safe, resilient and connected communities' which set the focus for the work of the police and the allocation of policing budgets over the Commissioner's term. At that time the Commissioner also published her Commissioning Intentions Plan for 2017-2020 which detailed her intentions with regard to external commissioning activities to support the Plan.

While those plans represented a 3 year plan for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, the Commissioner is required to keep the Police and Crime Plan under review to ensure it accurately sets out the PCC's police and crime objectives given the changes to crime and community safety and financial landscape.

Reviewing the Police and Crime for 2018/19

To prepare for the 2018/19 year the Commissioner has carried out a review of her Police and Crime Plan with the Chief Constable. The Commissioner has also reviewed her commissioning intentions with partners. In particular the Commissioner has considered whether new or emerging issues from local and national developments need to be reflected in the Police and Crime Plan for 2018 onwards and the extent to which priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan continue to support the strategic vision for policing.

A more ongoing dialogue with partners on strategic priorities is planned in early summer 2018 to align with the timescales and approach being taken by the Community Safety

Partnerships to the Peninsula Strategic Assessment development. This will also support the new business planning cycle being put in place by the new OPCC Chief Executive which will see an earlier production of the Annual Report (draft in April) and business and budgetary plans.

There have been some notable developments in the national (and local) landscape for policing over the past 10 months. These include the horrific terrorist acts in 2017 across the UK, the development of our work on transforming justice and offender management and the exploration of a possible merger with Dorset Police. Alongside these developments are the national increase in crime levels, the strength of community concerns regarding street drinking and drug taking and anti-social behaviour, and a tragic year on our roads.

Following the review process over November-January with the Chief Constable and his senior team the Commissioner has confirmed that she considers that the strategic vision and issues covered in the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2020 remain current and form the basis for the proposals in the budget.

The Commissioner and the Chief Constable reflected that all of these issues are already contained within the 2017-2020 Police and Crime Plan but that the 2018/19 supporting delivery plans (including the commissioning intentions plan) may be adjusted to reflect additional action and activity in these areas. For example, the commissioning intentions plan includes investment of £100,000 in a new small grants scheme focused on anti-social behaviour and additional funding allocated to prevention, reducing offending and mental health.

The Commissioner does not intend to make changes to her Police and Crime Plan for the start of the 2018/19 financial year (which is accessible at <http://www.devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk/about-us/police-and-crime-plan/>). The partner based discussions in early summer 2018 may identify additional changes and the Commissioner will wish to bring this wider information to the Police and Crime Panel for discussion.

Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan 2017/18

A number of the commitments set out in the Police and Crime Plan have already been completed or are due to be completed by the end of the 2017/18 year. A brief slide presentation updating on delivery against the Police and Crime Plan commitments was submitted to the Police and Crime Panel in December 2017. The Commissioner intends to bring her draft Annual Report to the Police and Crime Panel in April 2018 (much earlier than in previous years) to provide a full report on delivery over the 2017/18 year.

The Commissioner would however like to advise the Panel that she has made the decision not to proceed with her commitment to fund additional sexual offence lawyers from the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and has reallocated those funds within her commissioning intentions plan. Following detailed discussions with the CPS during 2017 the team are now working with the CPS to develop proposals that will deliver enhanced understanding and improved working between the police and then CPS in a more effective and cost efficient way.

2018/19 Documentation

The draft PCC Commissioning Intentions Plan 2018-2020 is attached to this report. The draft plan sets out the Commissioner's proposals for commissioning and grant making for 2018 onwards and builds upon the 2017-2020 Plan that was submitted to the Police and Crime Panel in February 2017. The Commissioning Intentions Plan 2018-2020 will be published by March 2018.

The Commissioner remains committed to working with Community Safety Partnerships and has retained and strengthened this relationship within the Commissioning Intentions Plan. The Commissioner has also included her intentions regarding CCTV investment, business crime, connectivity and road safety in order to improve transparency over these police and crime plan led investments. In addition the PCC has decided to develop a small grants scheme and to target the scheme specifically at anti-social behaviour that impacts on community safety. The details of the scheme are still under development and the Panel will be updated in April 2018 prior to the launch of the scheme.

In April 2018 the detailed delivery plans for the 2018/19 year and the accountability and scrutiny programme will be sent to the Police and Crime Panel and published.

In summer 2018 the Commissioner will report back to the Police and Crime Panel on ongoing dialogue with partners informed by the work of the Community Safety Partnerships on their strategic assessments and the OPCC annual reporting and business planning process.

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