



Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel
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Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner

**POLICING'S ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY FOR DEVON, CORNWALL, TORBAY,
PLYMOUTH AND THE ISLES OF SCILLY 2018-2021**

Purpose

This report presents the Policing Road Safety Strategy 2018-2021 to the Police and Crime Panel for their consideration.

Introduction

The Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 'Safe, resilient and connected communities 2017-2020' sets out the Commissioner's intention to work with partners and the Chief Constable to make our roads safer.

The number of people killed or seriously injured on the roads is of considerable concern to the Commissioner and to the Chief Constable as well as to partners and stakeholders from across the peninsula. In the 12 months to August 2017 alone, 78 people died and 765 people were seriously injured on the roads of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and we want to do all we can to reduce the impact on our communities of poor driver behaviour. To support delivery of this objective a new Policing Road Safety Strategy has been put in place and agreed at the Joint Management Board between the Commissioner and the Chief Constable in September 2018.

One of the key features of the Policing Road Safety Strategy is a greater focus on collaborative working with partners from across the policing area and there is a shared ambition to seek to develop a collective view on the required strategic approach.

Roads policing strategy

The Commissioner and Chief Constable have agreed to focus on roads policing and road safety within their respective organisations in recognition of the importance of this issues to communities throughout Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

The vision set out in the strategy is:-

'For Cornwall, Devon, Torbay, Plymouth and the Isles of Scilly to have the safest roads systems in the U.K., where people and communities have confidence in our ability to keep them safe.'

The Strategic Objectives are;

- *Prevent killed and serious injury (KSI) collisions on our roads.*
- *Improve public confidence in the safety of our road network.*
- *Provide effective and efficient post collision investigation.*
- *Ensure high quality support for victims and families.*
- *Reduce the economic impact of collisions on our roads.*
- *Ensure a resilient and sustainable roads policing workforce.*

The policing strategy has been developed through an examination of local data and evidence, workshops with internal staff and partners and consideration of national and local best practice. It follows the Safe Systems methodology – the internationally recognised approach to road safety management that sets the vision to eliminate death and serious injury from our roads through incremental steps backed by interventions that recognise human vulnerabilities whilst using the road network.

The Assistant Chief Constable for Local Policing and Connectivity (ACC Paul Davies) will be responsible for delivery of the Strategy and a Delivery Board has been established.

The Commissioner and Chief Constable are investing in our road safety capacity to better protect our communities and achieve the objectives set out in the Strategy. This includes the recently announced investment, in a dedicated 'No Excuse' proactive enforcement team and an increase in roads policing officers for Devon and Cornwall, including an increased number of specialist Road Casualty Reduction Officers. Further investment and projects to boost our response to this issue, including collaborative work with our partners in highways and community safety will be taken forward over the coming months as delivery of the Strategy gets underway.

The Commissioner will be reporting publicly on a regular basis on progress in this important area and through the regular PCC Update Report to this Panel. The strategy is attached for the Panel's information and comment.

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