

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Police and Crime Panel



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Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with progress of the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) for the Durham Constabulary Force area.

Background

2. This report builds upon information previously presented to the Committee and the aim of this report is to provide an update to Members in relation to the following areas from the Panel's meeting held on 28th October 2016:
 - Draft Police, Crime and Victims' Plan
 - Local Criminal Justice Review
 - Collaboration of Police and Fire Services
 - Delivering Change for Victims and Witnesses
 - Quarter 1 Performance Report

Detail

3. **Draft Police, Crime and Victims' Plan 2016-2021**
The Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC) following public consultation presented for consideration his draft Police, Crime and Victims' Plan.

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the Panel to formally respond to the Commissioner prior to the plan being published. Within its response, the Panel gave support to the Plan's aims and objectives. The overarching aims are:

- Inspire confidence in the police and criminal justice system
 - Support victims and the vulnerable
 - Tackle crime and keep our communities safe
4. These aims are support by the following objectives:
 - Ensure that victims are supported at all stages of the criminal justice system
 - Reduce re-offending
 - Safeguard vulnerable people
 - Address the incidence and impact of domestic abuse and sexual violence in all its forms
 - Reduce the impact of hate crime
 - Tackle cybercrime

- Improve road safety
 - Reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drugs
 - Tackle anti-social behaviour
 - Tackle the issues facing our rural communities.
5. The Panel acknowledged work of the Office of the Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner for the production of the draft plan that identifies approaches and outcomes to deliver upon the Plan's aims and objectives.
6. The Panel also noted that overall there had been an increase in responses to the consultation exercise but suggested to work with the Commissioner's Office to identify further groups or associations to target and encourage an increase in response within future consultation exercises.
7. The Plan was published by the Office of PCVC on 7th November 2016 and the Panel will receive progress reports on delivery of the plan within its work programme.
8. **Local Criminal Justice Board Review**
The Commissioner presented to the Panel a progress report on the review of the Local Criminal Justice Board carried out by the Office of the PCVC. The report outlined work undertaken that concluded with the following recommendations that were agreed by the LCJB:
- That the coordination of the LCJB business becomes a function of the Offices of the PCC Cleveland/PCVC Durham;
 - Commitment to the Board as the vehicle for development and reform within the CJS and prioritisation of the work where appropriate;
 - Consideration of staffing requirements to determine potential funding arrangements;
 - Approval for the mapping of existing structures to allow for formal links to be explored, agreed and implemented between the LCJB and other relevant groups/partnerships;
 - Support for the development of a whole system performance framework that collects and analyses information, demonstrating the extent to which the whole local criminal justice system is:
 - Delivering justice efficiently;
 - Reducing reoffending; and
 - Supporting victims and witnesses.
9. The Panel noted the report and received a further presentation on LCJB review activity at its development session held on 22nd November 2016.
- Collaboration of Police and Fire Services**
10. The panel received a report providing an update on work to enhance collaboration between the Police and Fire and Rescue Services. The report provided detail on estates, control room, training and development and back office transactional services.

Delivering Change for Victims and Witnesses

11. The Panel considered a report of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner which provided an update on victim services planning and commissioning priorities. Attached with the report was a Strategy titled '*Delivering change for victims and witnesses: From policy to reality*'. The strategy provided detail on commissioning processes, victim priorities, partnership working and restorative justice.

Quarter 1 Performance Report

12. The Panel received a presentation on the Quarter 1 2016-17 Performance report from the Office of the PCVC. The interactive report provided Members with performance information on Victim Based Crime, Public Confidence and Victim Satisfaction. The report is available from the PCC's website and provides information on key performance data linked to the Commissioner's priorities and anti-social behaviour at a local level.

Recommendation

13. Members of the Committee are asked to note information contained within the report and comment accordingly.

Background Papers

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None

Staffing – None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder – information contained within this report is linked to Altogether Safer element of the Council Plan.

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – the Panel's responsibilities within the Police, Reform and Social Responsibility Act is referenced within the report