



Durham Police and Crime Panel

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Police and Crime Plan

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To consider the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner's revised Police and Crime Plan 2013-17.

Background

- 2 Section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to produce a Police and Crime Plan within the financial year of taking office.
- 3 The Police and Crime Plan is a critical document for the PCC in determining, directing and communicating priorities during their period of office. The Act requires that the plan must set out for the period of issue:-
 - the Commissioner's police and crime objectives for the area;
 - the policing of the police area which the chief officer of police is to provide;
 - the financial and other resources which the Commissioner is to provide to the chief officer of police;
 - the means by which the chief officer of police will report to the Commissioner on the chief officer's provision of policing;
 - the means by which the chief officer of police's performance in providing policing will be measured; and
 - the crime and disorder reduction grants which the Commissioner is to make, and the conditions (if any) of those grants.
- 5 The Act also requires that any variances to the plans is to be reviewed by the Police and Crime Panel and the PCC must have regard and respond to any report or recommendations by the Panel.
- 6 At its meeting on 5 March 2013, the Panel considered and responded to the draft Police and Crime Plan for 2013-17 and received a progress update at its meeting on 29 October 2013. Guidance suggests an annual refresh in line with wider business and planning processes is considered good practice and the Act states that before issuing or varying a police and crime plan, a police and crime commissioner must -
 - prepare a draft of the plan or variation,

- consult the relevant chief constable in preparing the draft plan or variation,
- send the draft plan or variation to the relevant police and crime panel,
- have regard to any report or recommendations made by the panel in relation to the draft plan or variation
- give the panel a response to any such report or recommendations, and
- publish any such response.

7 Appendix 2 of this report contains the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner's revised Police and Crime Plan for 2013-17 for consideration by the Police and Crime Panel.

Recommendation

That the Police and Crime Panel consider information contained within the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan for 2013-17 and comment accordingly.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – The Police and Crime Plan identifies resources which the Commissioner is to provide to the chief officer of police

Staffing – None

Risk – None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation – None

Crime and Disorder – The Police and Crime Plan is a critical document for the Police and Crime Commissioner and will aim to contribute to reducing Crime & Disorder within the Force area.

Human Rights – None

Consultation – The Police and Crime Panel are being asked to provide comment for the revised Police and Crime Plan.

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – The report is required in accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.