

Police and Crime Panel

19th February 2015 (for meeting 3rd March)

Reviewing the Police and Crime Plan 2015-17

Report of Chief of Staff



Purpose

1. To provide the Police and Crime Panel with the refreshed Police and Crime Plan for 2015-17, in order for them to review it and make a report or recommendations on its content prior to publication.

Background

2. Section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides the Police and Crime Commissioner with the duty to issue a Police and Crime Plan for the area, and with the power to vary it.
3. Prior to varying it, the Police and Crime Panel must, under Section 28(3) of the same Act, review the draft Police and Crime Plan and make a report or recommendations to the Commissioner on its content.
4. The Commissioner must then, under Section 5(6), have regard to such recommendations and issue a response to the panel. Both the panel's report and the Commissioner's response must be published.
5. The Commissioner proposes to publish the refreshed Police and Crime Plan as soon as possible after the above process has been duly completed, and not later than 20th March 2015. This is so that the Plan can be issued before the start of the pre-election period.

Consultation

6. The plan was subject to public consultation from 22nd December to 15th February. The PCC used a variety of methods to take the views of the public, including:
 - Issuing an online survey
 - Public engagement events in shopping centres in Durham and Darlington
 - A consultation event with the Voluntary and Community Sector
 - A consultation event with representatives of Town and Parish Councils
 - Attending Area Action Partnership Boards and Forum meetings.
7. Furthermore, prior to publication for consultation, the PCC issued the draft to the Police and Crime Panel and to the two Community Safety Partnerships, to enable their comments to be considered.

8. The Police and Crime Commissioner intends to issue a “Summary of Responses” to the consultation; this is attached to this report alongside the revised plan. This document sets out information about the views received, including statistics on the responses to the survey questions, alongside information about how the PCC has responded and changed the draft.

Changes following consultation

9. Key aspects to draw to the Panel’s attention are:
- The “PCC priorities”, as originally conceived, received overwhelming broad support from the public, with each one garnering around 90+% in favour in the online survey;
 - In order to avoid the impression that areas that are not priorities are not important, and to more clearly state the overarching objectives of the PCC, the Plan has been restructured. It now contains a clearer *vision*, from which stem four *objectives*, under which there are *key areas of focus*;
 - Some of the issues which were described as “Core Business” or “Regional Strategies” in the consultation draft are now *Key Areas of Focus* – including Violence against Women and Girls and Delivering the Strategic Policing Requirement;
 - The Plan continues to have a strong emphasis on Partnership Working. For each of the key areas of focus we have included what the PCC will do, what he expects the Constabulary to do, and what he wants to do with partners;
 - We have developed further the page which shows how the PCC objectives / areas of focus map across to the priorities of both the Community Safety Partnerships. This table was well-received at AAPs in particular;
 - We have shortened the core elements of the document, and moved material to annexes – including information about “what has already been done”. This is with the aim of making the document easier to handle and more forward-facing;
 - We intend to make the Plan an electronic document, containing links to areas within the plan and externally, to make it user-friendly and easy to navigate.

Recommendation

10. To consider
- the Police and Crime Plan and provide any questions in the meeting, followed by a report or recommendations to the PCC;
 - the draft Summary of Responses and provide any questions in the meeting, and to consider this document when reviewing the Police and Crime Plan.

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Appendix 1: Risks and Implications

Finance

n/a

Staffing

n/a

Equality and Diversity

n/a

Accommodation

n/a

Crime and Disorder

Intended to have a positive effect.

Children's Act 2004

n/a

Stakeholder/Community Engagement

See paragraph 6

Environment

n/a

Collaboration and Partnerships

See paragraphs 7 and 9

Value for Money and Productivity

n/a

Potential Impact on Police and Crime Plan Priorities

n/a

Commissioning

n/a

Other risks

n/a

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