

## Police and Crime Panel

29 June 2018

### Refreshed Police, Crime and Victims' Plan

### Report of the Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner

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#### Purpose

1. To ask the Police and Crime Panel to consider the draft refreshed Police, Crime and Victims' Plan 2018-2021 in advance of publication.

#### Background

2. Section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the PCVC to issue a Police and Crime Plan for the area.
3. The Act requires that the Police and Crime Panel review a draft of the Plan, and publish a response, and that the PCVC has regard for, and responds to, any report or recommendations made by the Panel.
4. The current Police, Crime and Victims' Plan was published in November 2016. Now, half way through the PCVC's current term of office, is an appropriate time to refresh the plan. Since 2016 there have been two strategic assessments and a number of PEEL inspections, and recorded crime has been rising. Public confidence continues to be higher than in many other areas, although victim satisfaction has been falling. The nature of crime is also gradually changing, with ever-increasing emphasis on cyber-activity. At the same time, police forces continue to face financial pressures. The PCVC has also increased his activity beyond policing and in a broader community safety and criminal justice arena, including publishing with the PCC for Cleveland a Local Criminal Justice Partnership Plan in January 2018.
5. With those factors in mind, a revised version of the Plan has been produced, and is presented with this covering paper. The plan is in draft form, and to be publication-ready it requires:
  - a) Any comments from the Police and Crime Panel to be considered;
  - b) Amendments to typesetting and graphics;
  - c) Proofreading.

#### Changes to 2016 version

6. The refreshed Plan is more clearly focussed on the work of a wide partnership of organisations, and reflects the growth of the PCVC's work across the Criminal Justice System, whilst also emphasising the role of the PCVC in setting strategic objectives for the Chief Constable and holding the Force to account. Comments on the draft were received from the Safe Durham Partnership and the Darlington Community Safety Partnership, and the draft was also placed on the PCVC website and comments were invited from members of the public.
7. The vision has been amended to say:

“County Durham and Darlington are areas where all communities are safe, victims and vulnerable people feel supported, crime and re-offending are low, and people have confidence in policing and the criminal justice system”.

8. It contains *four* ‘outcomes’, replacing the three ‘aims’ in the previous plan. The outcomes are:
  - Communities are safe and crime is reduced
  - Victims and the vulnerable feel supported
  - Re-offending is reduced and rehabilitation is improved
  - People have confidence in the Police and the Criminal Justice System
9. Reducing reoffending is the additional element here; the other three outcomes reflect the three aims in the current plan.
10. The refreshed Plan also contains twelve ‘*priorities*’ replacing the previous ten ‘objectives’:
  - Ensure that victims are supported at all stages of the criminal justice system
  - Address the root causes of offending and support the rehabilitation of people who have offended
  - Safeguard vulnerable people
  - Improve road safety
  - Reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drugs
  - Improve community safety in rural areas
  - Tackle and prevent:
    - domestic abuse and sexual violence in all their forms
    - hate crime
    - fraud
    - anti-social behaviour
    - modern slavery
    - cyber-enabled crime
11. The differences between this list, and the previous list of ‘objectives’, are:
  - Second priority addresses root causes of offending and the rehabilitation of people who have offended, rather than just emphasising reducing reoffending
  - Fraud is an additional priority
  - Modern Slavery is an additional priority
12. How the vision, outcomes, Key Performance Questions, priorities and services all fit together is set out in a Plan on the Page within the document.
13. The Plan also contains a table in the appendix, headed ‘How I work with partners to deliver our priorities’. This takes the objectives in the Police Business Plan, the LCJP Plan, and the action plans of the two Community Safety Partnerships and associates them with the priorities in the Plan. This therefore shows how the plan is being delivered by a wider partnership of organisations.

## **Performance Management**

14. The revised plan includes a refreshed approach to managing performance. There are eight 'Key Performance Questions':
- How safe are our communities?
  - How well are we preventing and reducing crime?
  - How well are victims supported to cope and recover, and engage in criminal justice processes?
  - How well are vulnerable people supported?
  - How well are we reducing re-offending?
  - How well are we rehabilitating people who have offended?
  - How confident are people in the Criminal Justice System?
  - How confident are people in the Police?
15. Updating the position on these will form the basis of the quarterly performance reports which the Panel receives in the future, and which are made public. The updates about each question will be based on a combination of qualitative and quantitative information.

## **Service Delivery**

16. The Plan explains that in order to deliver the vision, outcomes and priorities, there are range of services involved. These are broadly in three categories:
- a) Police
  - b) Local Criminal Justice Partnership
  - c) Community Safety and Preventative services, including those commissioned by the OPCVC.
17. The Plan therefore goes on to say that sitting below the Police, Crime and Victims' Plan will be further detail on each of those, set out in:
- a) Policing Plan
  - b) Local Criminal Justice Partnership Plan (published in January 2018)
  - c) OPCVC Commissioning Strategy

## **Proposed next steps**

18. Following discussion at the Police and Crime Panel and production of a report, we intend to publish the Plan in early July.

## **Recommendation**

19. That the Panel
- a) provide feedback on the Plan and ask any questions;
  - b) produce a report which the OPCVC will then publish online.

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**Appendix 1: Risks and Implications**

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**Finance**

The Plan contains information about the PCVC's and Durham Constabulary's budget.

**Staffing**

None

**Equality and Diversity**

None

**Accommodation**

None

**Crime and Disorder**

Part of the purpose of the plan is to set out aims with regard to the reduction of crime and disorder.

**Children's Act 2004**

None

**Stakeholder/Community Engagement**

The document has been consulted upon with partners and open for consultation with the public. In addition, OPCVC strategy and policy is informed by regular engagement with members of communities.

**Environment**

None

**Collaboration and Partnerships**

The Plan sets out the importance of working in partnership with a range of organisations.

**Value for Money and Productivity**

None

**Potential Impact on Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

N/A

**Commissioning**

None

**Other risks**

None

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