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Report of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

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DRAFT POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2013-16

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To send the draft Police and Crime Plan to the Police and Crime Panel to enable the Panel to review the draft plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Police and Crime Panel is recommended to review the draft Police and Crime Plan and make a report or recommendations on the draft plan to the Commissioner.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 3.1 Item 1, To review and make a report or recommendation on the draft Police and Crime Plan, or draft variation, given to the panel by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 places a responsibility on Police and Crime Commissioners to issue a Police and Crime Plan within the financial year they are elected, so by 31 March this year. Under the Act, before issuing or varying a Police and Crime Plan, the Commissioner must send the draft plan or variation to the Police and Crime Panel. The Panel must review the draft plan or draft variation and make a report or recommendations to the Commissioner. The Commissioner must have regard to any report or recommendation, give the Panel a response to any such report or recommendations and publish his response.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 The Commissioner made a decision to build on last year's already proven Local Policing Plan, rather than start completely afresh. That plan had already been written with the priorities of partner agencies and the criminal justice system in mind. It had also been influenced by the Strategic Policing Requirement and engagement with the people of Cambridgeshire.
- 5.2 Sir Graham Bright has added his personal voice to the plan through a series of 'Personal Pledges' which are clearly marked out in the plan.
- 5.3 The plan also details (on page 26) the Police and Crime Reduction Grants which Sir Graham intends to make which "will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in the body's area."
- 5.4 Sir Graham Bright has indicated that he will be reviewing sections of the Police and Crime Plan throughout the term of his appointment.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The draft Plan was published on the Commissioner's website on Tuesday, February 26 and accompanied with a press release stating that public feedback was invited. The press release was also tweeted to more than 500 followers on Twitter. Articles subsequently appeared in local newspapers. The public engagement described is in addition to the feedback Sir Graham received from members of the public during his election campaign which has already helped shape the draft Police and Crime Plan.
- 6.2 Victims of crime were consulted through focus groups and interviews for a report released in 2012 called Listening and Learning – Improving Support for victims in Cambridgeshire. This report, commissioned by the former Victims Commissioner, in turn ensured the voice of victims informed this draft plan, both directly and through Cambridgeshire's first Victim and Offender Needs Assessment. Work is now ongoing to create a Victims' Strategy for Cambridgeshire and will again draw upon this comprehensive report.

7. NEXT STEPS

- 7.1 The draft Police and Crime Plan will be reviewed by the Panel on 21 March. The Panel will make a report or recommendations to the Commissioner. The Commissioner must have regard to any report or recommendation, give the Panel a response to any such report or recommendations and publish his response.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 Cambridgeshire Local Policing Plan 2012-15 www.cambs.police.uk
- Listening and Learning – Improving support for victims in Cambridgeshire (Victims' Services Advocate Project) www.victimsupport.org.uk
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Victim and Offender Needs Assessment 2012
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/research/rescrime/>

9. APPENDICES

- 9.1 Draft Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2013-16