

CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL	Agenda Item No. 9
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Report of Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner

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MONITORING THE DELIVERY OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S POLICE AND CRIME PLAN – OFFENDERS THEME

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel (the "Panel") on the delivery of the Offenders theme within the Police and Crime Commissioner's (the "Commissioner") Police and Crime Plan (the "Plan").

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Panel is recommended to note the attached reports.
- 2.2 This new format of reporting given in this, and the Victims theme report, seeks to provide the Panel with the opportunity to explore in-depth the progress on the Commissioner's strategy to deliver the themes within his Plan. However, the Commissioner invites feedback on this format of reporting and welcomes how such reporting can be improved in the future to enable the Panel to gain assurance of how the Commissioner is evaluating his strategy, and any obstacles and new initiatives to support that delivery.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 3.1 Item 6 – to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the Police and Crime Commissioner in connection with the discharge of the Commissioner's functions.

Item 8 - To support the effective exercise of the functions of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Commissioner is required to produce a Plan. The Commissioner's Plan became effective from the 1st April 2017 and is structured around four key strategic themes: Victims, Offenders, Communities, and Transformation. Each theme has its own aim and has a framework through a series of shared outcomes to enable all agencies with a part to play in community safety and criminal justice, to strategically direct the future delivery of services through these common goals. Each theme is supported by key objectives and priorities for action.
- 4.2 There are strong mechanisms in place to scrutinise the overall performance of Cambridgeshire Constabulary (the "Constabulary"), including the priorities and outcomes set out in the Plan.

5. HOLDING TO ACCOUNT

- 5.1 The Commissioner received two reports on the Offenders Theme of his Plan at his Business Co-ordination Board meeting (the “Board”) in June 2019. One report provided the detail of how his office, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), and partnership activity was delivering the priorities set in the Offenders section of the Plan. This report enabled the Commissioner to hold the OPCC to account for their delivery, and to ‘hold the mirror up’ to those partners who also have statutory duties in their own organisational capacity which contribute to delivering the priorities in the Plan. This report is given at Appendix 1.
- 5.2 The other report was from the Constabulary which provided an update on their activities to deliver the priorities within the Offenders Theme of the Plan. In line with The Policing Protocol Order 2011, this report enabled the Commissioner to hold the Chief Constable to scrutinise, support and challenge the overall performance of the Constabulary against the priorities within the Plan. This report can be found at Appendix 2 as contextual information for the Panel given their remit to support and scrutinise the Commissioner and not the Constabulary.
- 5.3 The minutes of the Board meeting relating to the discussions and holding to account on these reports can be found in the minutes of the July 2019 Board meeting (link given below).

6. PANEL’S QUESTION AND RESPONSE

- 6.1 The Panel have already received the two Board reports referred to above for their consideration and invited to ask questions ahead of the Panel meeting. The response to the one question raised is given below.

Question - The Panel have asked what is the Commissioner’s strategy about the pathway to housing with the regards to people that are rehoused but not in an environment that could be conducive to re offending.

Response - Partners across criminal justice and housing agencies recognise that the availability of appropriate accommodation and related support services for offenders is vital. Service users in the criminal justice system who are unable to access appropriate accommodation, support and rehabilitation are more likely to reoffend. These partners work together to provide a co-ordinated approach to access to settled accommodation and appropriate support.

Paragraphs 4.6 to 4.11 of the report at Appendix 1 on how the OPCC, and partnership activity are delivering the priorities set in the Offenders section of the Plan set out the approach being taken to accommodation issues. The OPCC has been working with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer project and partners in the criminal justice system to improve these pathways. In 2019/20, the OPCC and other partners have provided some funding to enable this approach to continue. A request for further funding for this work to continue into 2020/21 is expected imminently.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

‘Police and Crime Plan 2017-20 – Community Safety and Criminal Justice’, Police and Crime Commissioner

<http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/police-crime-plan/>

Business Co-ordination Board reports, 11th June 2019

<https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/accessing-information/decision-making/business-coordination-board/bcb-11th-june-2019/>

‘Approved Minutes 11th June 2019’, Agenda Item 3.0, Business Co-ordination Board, 31st July

2019

<https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/accessing-information/decision-making/business-coordination-board/bcb-31st-july-2019/>

8. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – ‘Police and Crime Plan – Offenders Theme – OPCC and broader partnership support’, Agenda Item 8.0, Business Co-ordination Board, 11th June 2019

Appendix 2 - ‘Police and Crime Plan – Offenders Theme and Performance Update – Cambridgeshire Constabulary work to deliver actions’, Agenda Item 8.1, Business Co-ordination Board, 11th June 2019

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