



## **REPORT OF THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

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### **RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ON THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2021-24**

**Date of Notification:** 3 November 2021

**Date of Panel Meeting:** 15 November 2021

**Date of Report:** 22 November 2021

#### **Guidance**

This report gives the recommendation(s) made by the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel in accordance with section 28(3) of Part 4 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. Its purpose is to outline the Panel's recommendations following its review of the proposed Police and Crime Plan 2021-24.

#### **Panel Meeting**

On 15 November 2021 the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel reviewed the draft Police and Crime Plan 2021-24.

#### **Decision**

In accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and following consideration of the information submitted to it, the Panel endorsed the draft Police and Crime Plan 2021-24 as proposed by the Commissioner.

#### **Reasons for the decision**

The Panel agreed to endorse the draft Police and Crime Plan 2021-24 as proposed by the Commissioner with comments for the Commissioner's consideration.

#### **Terms of Reference**

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the Police and Crime Panel to review the draft Police and Crime Plan and make a report to the Commissioner on the proposed precept.

**Signed...**Edward Leigh

**Date...**22 November 2021

**Chair of the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel**

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23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

Dear Edward,

I refer to the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel's (the "Panel") report of the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 entitled 'Recommendation following consideration of the report from the Police and Crime Commissioner on the Police and Crime Plan 2021-24' following their consideration of my draft Police and Crime Plan (the "Plan") on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

In accordance with Section 5(6) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, this letter acts as my formal response to the Panel's report.

I note from the report that the Panel has reviewed the draft Plan and has agreed to endorse the Plan. I also note the Panel's comments.

I was pleased to receive such positive comments from the Panel during the meeting regarding the Plan. I am confident that following the wide consultation I have undertaken, the Plan will provide the strategic direction to deliver what our residents expect for tackling crime and keeping our communities safe.

I have carefully considered the comments made by the Panel and will be making some updates to the Plan to reflect the Panel's feedback.

I can assure you that I will bring a detailed update to the Panel on delivery of the Plan on a six-monthly basis.

Finally, I would like to thank the Panel for their contribution towards the development of my Police and Crime Plan and I look forward to working with them in ensuring its successful delivery.

Yours sincerely



**Darryl Preston**  
**Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**

	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<p><b>Police and Crime Commissioner's Draft Police and Crime Plan for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough</b></p>	<p>The Panel AGREED to APPROVE the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan.</p> <p>The Panel recommended clarification of the wording of the following points in the Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P15 "I will always support the police when they act lawfully." This perhaps needs nuance to acknowledge there is a grey area in the interpretation of the law and discretion in its application, in particular with respect to the proportionality of police actions and the public's perception of those actions (e.g. stop &amp; search, management of protests and out-of-court disposals).</li> <li>• "When standards fall short of expectations" on page 15 of the Plan should also include that the Commissioner would oversee changes that would assure that standards would not fall below expectations <i>in the future</i>.</li> <li>• P34 "The capital budget is usually for spending in relation to the purchase, construction or improvement of assets such as buildings. It is a legal requirement to set a balanced budget, so that spending cannot be more than income." The two parts of the paragraph appear contradictory, since capital spending does not have to balance within a financial year, unlike revenue spending.</li> </ul> <p><i>The Commissioner agreed to provide the Panel with the following information:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Current court times</i></li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Police and Crime Commissioner's Approach to Commissioning and Grants</b></p>	<p>The Panel <b>NOTED</b> the item</p> <p>The Panel made the following recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Commissioner consult with partners on how best to fund (DHRs) Domestic Homicide Reviews in the future.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Decisions by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough</b></p>	<p>The Panel <b>AGREED</b> to <b>NOTE</b> the decision.</p> <p><b><u>The Reporting of Past Decisions</u></b></p> <p>The Panel AGREED that decision notices would not automatically be included on Panel meeting agendas. However, if a Panel Member wishes a specific decision to be reviewed at a public meeting, s/he may notify the Secretariat within 10 working days of the decision notice being sent to all Members, and the item will be included in the agenda at the next available Panel meeting.</p> <p><b><u>The Reporting of Future Decision</u></b></p> <p>The Panel AGREED that it would like to receive advance notification of important areas of decision making (particularly in transformation) and asked that the OPCC (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioners) bring a new recommendation on this back to the next Panel meeting.</p>