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Report of Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner

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POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER’S POLICE AND CRIME PLAN (COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE) FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Police and Crime Panel (the “Panel”) with the Police and Crime Commissioner’s (the “Commissioner”) draft Police and Crime Plan (Community Safety and Criminal Justice) for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (the “Plan”).

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Panel is recommended to review the draft Plan and make a report or recommendation 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 Plan, or draft variation, given to the Panel by the Commissioner.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Commissioner is required to issue a Plan as soon as practicable after taking office - specifically before the end of the financial year which they are elected (31 March 2017). The Plan must determine, direct and communicate the Commissioner’s priorities during their period in office and set out for the period of issue:

- the Commissioner’s police and crime objectives for the area;
- the policing of the area which the Chief Constable is to provide;
- the financial and other resources which the Commissioner is to provide the Chief Constable;
- the means by which the Chief Constable will report to the Commissioner on the provision of policing;
- the means by which the Chief Constable’s performance in providing policing will be measured;
- the services which the Commissioner is to provide or arrange to support crime and disorder reduction or help victims or witness of crime and anti-social behaviour (crime and disorder reduction and victims’ service grants);
- any grants which the Commissioner is to make and the conditions if any of those grants.

- 4.2 In preparing the Plan the Commissioner must ‘have regard to the relevant priorities of each responsible authority, with these authorities having a duty to co-operate with the Commissioner for the purpose of formulating the Plan. The Commissioner must also make arrangements to obtain the views of the community, including victims of crime, on policing and ensure an efficient and effective criminal justice system.

- 4.3 The Plan must achieve value for money, ensure the Chief Constable fulfils his duties relating to equality and diversity and have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, the Strategic Policing Requirement¹ and guidance or codes of practice issued by the Secretary of State.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN AND CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Commissioner has built his Plan around an overarching 'Plan on a Page' strategic summary. The Plan 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 a second page that sets out the key objectives and priorities for action. The Business Intelligence Information section shows how the delivery of the Plan will be monitored.
- 5.2 The Commissioner has stated that the Plan would not be developed in isolation but would be shaped by the views of the Panel, police, partners and the public. A significant amount of engagement has taken place with the public, Cambridgeshire Constabulary (the "Constabulary") and our strategic partners to inform the final Plan.
- 5.3 In preparing the Plan the Commissioner was keen to understand the views of the public. Since his election in May 2016, the Commissioner has spent a considerable amount of time talking to members of the public at police contact points, surgeries, community meetings and while shadowing officers and staff on patrol. In addition the Commissioner undertook a survey to ask the public what was important to them regarding crime and policing. Over 3,500 people responded and these views have been used to help shape the priorities.
- 5.4 It is important that the Plan aligns with the operational priorities which are developed by the Chief Constable and his senior management team. A number of sessions have taken place jointly between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Constabulary to make sure that both organisations planning processes are working together.
- 5.5 The Commissioner recognised that all partners need to be clear of the collective responsibility for certain actions, yet also their responsibility for leading on direct action or dealing with the underlying causes that can lead to offending or becoming a victim. This includes for example the health service effectively supporting people in mental health crisis, or local authorities dealing with deprivation. The draft Plan has been shared with strategic partners and their viewpoints taken on board.
- 5.6 The Panel has been kept informed and involved as the Plan has developed. The Panel received a report (*Developing a Police and Crime Plan (Community Safety and Criminal Justice) for Cambridgeshire*) to their meeting on the 7 September 2016. The Panel has made a series of comments and suggestions on the Plan, which the Commissioner noted.
- 5.7 Overall, in delivering the Plan and ensuring best value for Cambridgeshire, it was recognised that it was critical to get the balance right between the demands and challenges of policing and the finite resource available.
- 5.8 The draft Plan is attached at Appendix A.

6. NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 By law, once the Commissioner has issued the Plan, a copy must be sent to the Chief Constable, each of the Responsible Authorities that are wholly or partly within the relevant police area, and publish the Plan in any manner the Commissioner determines.
- 6.2 It is anticipated the Commissioner will publicly launch the Plan in March 2017. The Plan will become effective from 1 April 2017.

¹ The Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR) sets out the Home Secretary's view of the national threats and the appropriate national capabilities required to counter those threats. The SPR supports Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables to ensure they fulfil their forces' national responsibilities for tackling criminal or terrorist threats and harms, or other civil emergencies.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

7.1 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/13/contents>

‘Developing a Police and Crime Plan (Community Safety and Criminal Justice) for Cambridgeshire, Agenda Item 6, Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel, 7th September 2016

<http://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=543>

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