

Agenda item 5

Police and Crime Panel

7 October 2016

Draft Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021

Summary

1. This covering report presents the PCC's new draft Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 for Suffolk. The Panel is asked to review PCC's draft Plan, attached as Evidence Set 1.

Focus of the agenda item

2. This agenda item is the Panel's formal statutory review of the PCC's new draft Police and Crime Plan. Panel Members at previous meetings and informal workshops have suggested some items that it would expect to see reference to in the new Plan. Further detail is given in the Background section below.

Recommendations

3. Having considered the report and information received at the meeting, the Panel is recommended to:
 - a) Comment on the approach taken by the PCC in developing the draft Police and Crime Plan
 - b) Make a report or recommendations on the draft Plan to the PCC, and
 - c) Determine how the Panel's report will be communicated.

Background

4. The legislation requires the PCC to issue a Plan within the financial year in which the election is held (ie. by March 2017). This will follow on from the current [Police & Crime Plan 2013-17 \(varied version 1.1\)](#), dated July 2015. Section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ('The Act') specifies that, before issuing or varying a police and crime plan, a PCC must send the draft plan or variation to the relevant police and crime panel, and have regard to any report or recommendations made by the panel in relation to the draft plan.
5. At its meeting on [10 July 2015](#), the Panel reviewed the draft variations to the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017, and made a [report](#) to the PCC (included as Evidence Set 2, below). The discussion with the PCC included reference to speed camera vans and roads policing, policing of people with mental health issues, and planning for and responding to major incidents and civil emergencies, and also the

ongoing increased terrorism threat. The PCC published his [Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017 – revised 2015](#) in July 2015.

6. At its meeting on [19 July 2016](#) (the Minutes of which are at Agenda Item 3) the Panel questioned the PCC about his broad strategic objectives and strategic collaboration opportunities and plans at the start of a new 4-year term of office. Areas covered included the new policing model, the numbers and visibility of Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT), border security, the Constabulary's public communications plan, enforcement of parking offences, Hate Crime, and the role played by the Neighbourhood Watch schemes.
7. In reviewing the PCC's new draft Police and Crime Plan, it is expected that some regard will be given to suggestions raised previously by the Panel in relation to:
 - (i) the variations to the previous 2013-2017 Plan, and
 - (ii) the discussion in July 2016 of the PCC's broad strategic objectives, as detailed further below, and in Evidence sets 3 and 4.
8. Further areas of interest were noted at an informal workshop of Panel members on 1 Sep 2016:
 - (i) Review of the New Policing Model
 - (ii) Reiteration of the items from 19 July; further information to be provided regarding:
 - the Constabulary's public communications plan;
 - the Constabulary's 'visibility' plan re: visibility of local police officers & PCSOs;
 - parking enforcement (outside Ipswich) during the transition period before potential transfer to the other Suffolk local authorities;
 - perception that PCSOs are asked to volunteer for additional uniformed duties;
 - the PCC support for the 'Suffolk Solidarity Campaign' against Hate Crime;
 - a further look at the (low reported) incidents of hate crimes in Suffolk;
 - the important role played by Neighbourhood Watch schemes

[NB. There is an Information Bulletin update on the above items in Agenda Item 9, also referenced as Evidence Set 4, below]

- (iii) Neighbourhood Watch (*there is very minimal mention on the Police new website*)
- (iv) Police communications / visibility
 - No SNT newsletters available online (just blank templates as at 1 Sep 2016)
 - Communication needs to be two-way; getting input from parishes
 - Make good use of existing structures, eg. parish newsletters.
 - 'Bobby on the Beat' vs 'Bobby in the Car' - Approachability
- (v) PCC to measure and hold Constabulary to account regarding public communications / engagement
- (vi) Opportunity for informal sight by Panel members of early draft version(s) of the Plan?
- (vii) Constabulary Quality of Service / Public Confidence measures / methodology – this should be part of the PCC's Plan / Objectives
- (viii) Longer term investment plans, eg. for joined-up prevention activity with other agencies, 'whole-family' intervention, etc.

Supporting Information

9. Evidence Sets (attached as Appendices)

- (i) **Evidence Set 1** [24 pages] – The PCC’s Draft Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021, September 2016
- (ii) **Evidence Set 2** [1 page] – The Panel’s Report on the draft variations to the PCC’s 2013-2017 Plan, 14 July 2015
- (iii) **Evidence Set 3** [6 pages] - The Minutes of the 19 July 2016 Panel meeting (already included at **Agenda Item 4, Page 5**)
- (iv) **Evidence Set 4** [6 documents; 23 pages in total] - Responses from the Constabulary to key points arising from the Police and Crime Panel meeting on 19 July (already included at **Agenda Item 9 - Information Bulletin – Part A, Page 101 onwards**)

10. Background Information (For reference; not attached)

- (i) The current Police & Crime Plan 2013-17 (varied version 1.1), July 2015:
<http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Police-and-Crime-Plan-2013-2017-Version-14-for-publication.pdf>
- (ii) Panel meeting of 19 July 2016:
[http://committeeminutes.suffolkcc.gov.uk/meeting.aspx?d=19/Jul/2016&c=Police and Crime Panel \(Joint Committee\)](http://committeeminutes.suffolkcc.gov.uk/meeting.aspx?d=19/Jul/2016&c=Police%20and%20Crime%20Panel%20(Joint%20Committee))
- (iii) Panel meeting of 10 July 2015:
[http://committeeminutes.suffolkcc.gov.uk/meeting.aspx?d=10/Jul/2015&c=Police and Crime Panel \(Joint Committee\)](http://committeeminutes.suffolkcc.gov.uk/meeting.aspx?d=10/Jul/2015&c=Police%20and%20Crime%20Panel%20(Joint%20Committee))

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