

Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

Date of meeting: 24 September 2021

Report of: Brian Reed, Head of Governance and Democratic Services

Subject : Consideration of the Commissioner's Draft Police and Crime Plan

1. Report Summary

- 1.1 This report invites the Panel to question the Police and Crime Commissioner on his draft Police and Crime Plan and following discussion with the Commissioner make recommendations on the detail of the Plan.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Panel is recommended to:
 - (i) Review the draft Police and Crime Plan.
 - (ii) Ask the Police and Crime Commissioner such questions about the Police and Crime Plan as the members of the Panel think appropriate; and
 - (iii) Make a report or recommendations on the draft Police and Crime Plan to the Commissioner.

3. Background

- 3.1 Section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the Police and Crime Commissioner for a police area to issue a Police and Crime Plan within the financial year in which he or she is elected. The Plan should include:
 - (i) The PCC's police and crime objectives;
 - (i) The policing the chief constable is to provide;
 - (ii) The financial and other resources the PCC will make available to the chief constable to provide policing;
 - (iii) How the chief constable will report to the PCC about policing;
 - (iv) How the chief constable's performance will be measured; and

(v) Information about any crime and disorder reduction grants to be made by the PCC, and any conditions made.

- 3.2 Police and Crime Panels have a statutory duty under Section 28(3) of the legislation to review and comment on the Police and Crime Plan and therefore should be able to identify how they will approach scrutiny over the coming years.
- 3.3 On behalf of the Panel, the Chair informally responded to the draft Police and Crime Plan which the Commissioner put out to public consultation earlier in the summer. The Commissioner met informally with Panel members on 8th September to share a revised draft Plan, which had been produced following the public consultation exercise. Panel members were able to provide feedback on this revised version of the draft Plan.
- 3.4 In accordance with the relevant legislation, the Commissioner has now formally submitted a draft Plan for consideration by the Panel.
- 3.5 The LGA guidance document “Good Practice for Police and Crime Panels” is attached to this report, attention is drawn to pages 10 and 11, which refer to reviewing a Police and Crime Plan.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are financial implications for the Panel.

5. Equality Implications

- 5.1 There are no equality implications.

6. Legal implications.

- 6.1 Under Section 6 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, Panels have a broad power to review or scrutinise both decisions made by the Commissioner in discharge of his functions. This means that the Panel has a statutory obligation to review and scrutinise all of the areas where the commissioner may be planning to develop policy and also new areas of delivery.

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