

Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

Date of meeting: 7th February 2025

Report of: Brian Reed, Head of Democratic Services, Cheshire East Council

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; and

(iv) How the chief constable's performance will be measured.

- 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 At an informal meeting with the Commissioner on 20th December 2024 the Panel was briefed on the themes that would be included in the Police and Crime Plan, and were given the opportunity to ask the Commissioner questions.
- 3.4 In accordance with the relevant legislation, the Commissioner has now formally submitted a draft Plan for consideration by the Panel, this is attached as Appendix I.
- 3.5 The LGA guidance document "Good Practice for Police and Crime Panels" is attached to this report as Appendix II, attention is drawn to pages 12 to 14, which refer to reviewing a Police and Crime Plan.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no 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 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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