

## **POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

**Meeting to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

### **Draft Police & Crime Plan 2016-2021**

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This covering report presents the PCC's draft Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021 for Lancashire. The Panel is asked to consider the draft Plan.

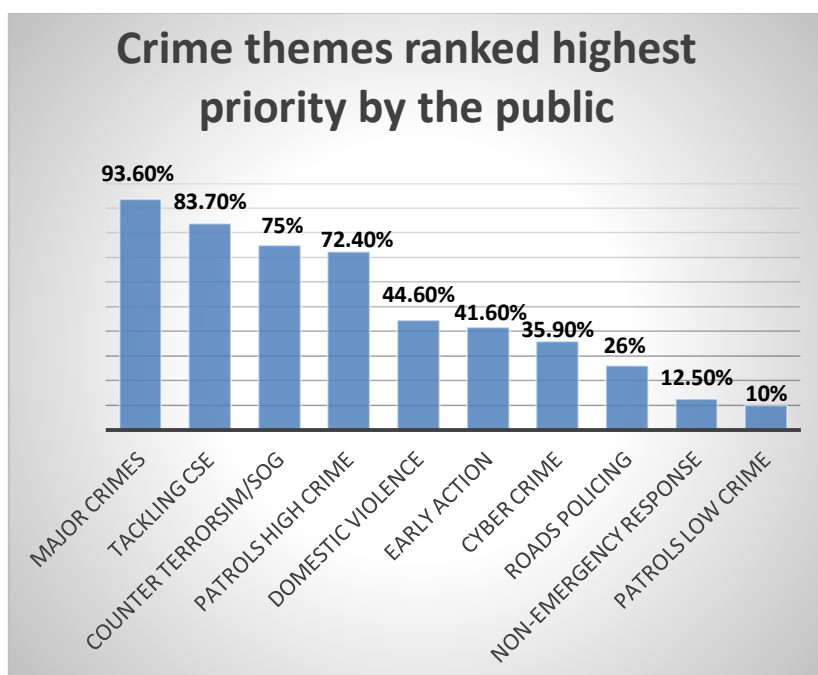
#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. the Panel is recommended to:
  - a) discuss and note the draft Police and Crime Plan
  - b) provide feedback to the Commissioner on the plan's priorities.

#### **Background**

- 1 The Police and Crime Commissioner is required to issue a Police & Crime Plan by the end of the financial year in which he or she is elected (31 March 2017).
- 2 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.
2. Panel will recall in a previous report submitted on the 20 June 2016, advised members of the process and timetable proposed by the Commissioner for the development of the Police and Crime Plan 2016 to 2021.
3. The report set out the process and timetable for engaging stakeholders in developing the new plan.
4. Extensive engagement and consultation took place through the summer with Lancashire Constabulary, members of the public, victims of crime, stakeholders and public sector partners to ensure a broad range of opinion and local data and evidence has shaped the plan priorities.
5. This included:
  - Joint management sessions with Lancashire Constabulary, the Commissioner and his office
  - Stakeholder engagement events attended by more than 100 representatives from public, voluntary and criminal justice organisations who took part in a workshop to help shape the plan's priorities

- Roadshows in town and city centre locations where residents of Lancashire were encouraged to discuss their policing and crime priorities with the Commissioner and complete a survey identifying their key issues
  - An online survey circulated to residents via the 'In the Know' message alert system and promoted on the Commissioner's social media
  - A study of local community safety, public health and local strategic documents and plans from across the county
  - An analysis of crime data and intelligence regarding emerging and continuing crime trends in Lancashire.
  - Independent survey of crime victims and providers of victim services in Lancashire
  - Task and finish group involving Police and Crime Panel members.
6. Draft priorities were reached following the initial meeting with Lancashire Constabulary and analysis of key data and plans. These were shared with partners and stakeholders as part of the consultation and feedback encouraged. At all three events, stakeholders felt the over-arching priorities were broad enough to cover the key issues, and adaptable enough to accommodate emerging trends and issues. They also said they were a fair reflection of their needs in terms of the Police and Crime Plan priorities.
  7. In terms of the public they were presented with a list of ten thematic crime areas and asked to rank them as high, medium and low priority according. In total 1672 survey responses were received.
  8. Again, and this is consistent with our consultation on priorities over the past two years, solving major crimes such as murder, rape and serious assaults (93.6%) are ranked as highest priority, with protecting children from child sexual exploitation (88.7%), counter terrorism/tackling serious organised crime (75%), while patrolling neighbourhoods with high crime rates (72.4%) also ranked highly.
  9. Responding to non-emergency calls (12.5%) and patrolling areas with low levels of crime were only ranked high priority by a small number of people (10%) and were actually seen as more than half of respondents' lowest priorities when it came to crime themes.
  10. The draft Police and Crime Plan priorities reflect the outcome of the consultation and engagement with stakeholders as well as taking into consideration the wider evidence and feedback from panel members.



11. The Police and Crime Panel's Task and Finish Group met on the 16 September 2016, and Cllr David Whipp (Pendle) and Cllr Ben Aitken (Fylde) joined officers to review the plan's progress and make suggestions to the proposed priorities. The Commissioner wishes to place on record his gratitude for the time given by panel members to consider and scrutinise the process ensuring that the Plan meets its statutory requirements. The draft Plan now presented at Appendix A and takes into account the comments made by the Task and Finish Group.
12. The Commissioner has formally consulted with the Chief Constable prior to presenting the Plan to the Panel and the Chief Constable's comments are attached at Appendix B.
13. It should be noted that the plan appears in draft form.
14. The Plan will be launched and communicated widely as soon as is practicable following the Panel meeting.

## **Implications**

### **Financial**

15. The plan considers current financial and budgetary implications and will be monitored through existing governance arrangements.

### **Legal**

16. The Plan has been developed in accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

### **HR**

17. HR Implications are monitored through the Police and Crime Plan and the existing governance arrangements.

### **Equality**

18. The Police and Crime Plan has been subject to an equality impact assessment.

### **Recommendation**

19. The Panel is asked to discuss and note the draft Police and Crime Plan and to provide feedback to the Commissioner on the plan's priorities.