

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 12 October 2021

Draft Police & Crime Plan 2021-2025

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This covering report presents the PCC's draft Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025 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 2022).
- 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 July 2021, advised members of the process and timetable proposed by the Commissioner for the development of the Police and Crime Plan 2021 to 2025.
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:
 - 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.

- An online and telephone survey completed by a record number of residents. Over 5,000 people (1,400 telephone, 3,600 online) responded with their views, priorities and suggestions which will help shape the policing priorities for Lancashire going forward.
 - This survey was shared with over 35,000 residents across the county through In the Know, on social media and also amongst key partners including faith and disability groups, youth associations, partner agencies and victim services.
 - Further consultation also took place with Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety Partnerships, in addition to roundtable events with Business Leaders, Constabulary Staff Networks and meetings and visits with farmers and members of the rural community, including Garstang Show.
 - Visits took place across the county with MPs, police and local Councillors, with the Commissioner and his Deputy also attending a wide range of community meetings.
 - Tackling anti-social behaviour as well as serious and organised crime have come out as clear priorities for local residents. Responses also showed clear evidence that people want to see strong and dedicated police resources for both urban and rural areas of the county.
 - Over 90% of residents listed serious and organised crime as their number one priority and more than 80% want to see a focus on anti-social behaviour and patrols of areas with regular reports of crime. Child exploitation and domestic abuse were also highlighted as areas the public want the police to prioritise.
 - Reassuringly 74% of respondents felt safe or very safe where they live.
6. The proposed 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. All stakeholders felt the overarching priorities were broad enough to cover the key issues, and adaptable enough to accommodate emerging trends and issues. They also said they were a good reflection of their needs in terms of the Police and Crime Plan priorities.
7. 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 Panel at their meeting on the 22 September 2021 and those of the Chief Constable.
8. It should be noted that the plan appears in draft form.
9. The Plan will be launched and communicated widely on the 9 December 2021 following the Panel meeting scheduled for the 6 December 2021.

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.