

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 4 July 2022

Police & Crime Commissioner's update

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Panel with an update on progress in developing the current Police and Crime Plan (the Plan) for Lancashire 2021-2025.

This report also aims to highlight some of activity of the PCC/Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to consider the report.

Background

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner has a responsibility to hold the Chief Constable to account for the Constabulary's performance as against the Police and Crime Plan priorities by means of the Accountability Board meeting.
2. This link <https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/meetings-reports/accountability-board-meeting/> details of the Accountability Board papers received from the Chief Constable and the Minutes of the meeting records the PCC holding the Chief Constable to account.
3. The Panel are therefore referred to the Accountability Board meetings and may through today's meeting ask the Police and Crime Commissioner issues they feel relevant to the Scrutiny activity.

Performance Headlines

4. On 7 June 2022, the Commissioner held his Accountability Board meeting with the Chief Constable. The Commissioner received updates on the Constabulary's performance against the Police and Crime Plan priorities, and briefings in relation to the HMICFRS PEEL Inspection and the Constabulary's Savings and Efficiency Plan.

Key issues discussed included:

- Tackling ASB particularly in the run up to the summer holidays, particularly in relation to the hot spot areas identified through correspondence received from the public.
- Successful targeting of organised crime gangs and increase in arrests with a focus on seizures, such as cash or vehicle seizures
- Updates on the progress of the dedicated Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO) which was created earlier this year.
- The ongoing recruitment of new officers

Following the meeting the Commissioner and the Chief Constable produced a short video via his website highlighting the areas discussed.

[Accountability Board Meetings - Lancashire Police Crime Commissioner \(lancashire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk)

The report attached at **Appendix A** contains performance data relating to the Constabulary's performance against the Police and Crime Plan priorities.

5. The Commissioner recently joined front line police officers disrupting and dismantling drugs gangs as part of Operation Vanquish, one of the keyways Lancashire Constabulary is responding to and delivering against the Police and Crime Plan.
6. The Commissioner is also continuing with his commitment to meet officers in different policing departments which all in their own way play important roles in taking the fight to criminals. He recently visited the Police Dog unit to take part in 'bite work' training with three of the forces' finest putting him through his paces. He also visited mounted branch and joined armed response officers on shift.
7. The Commissioner has now launched the first part of his Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Fund – funded in part by money seized from criminals and supporting community projects and innovative schemes that support his Police and Crime Plan priorities – and prioritised to address issues in crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots

Further details can be found on the Commissioner's website

[Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Fund - Lancashire Police Crime Commissioner \(lancashire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk)

8. Continuing his work on rural crime, The Commissioner has met with the Country Land and Business Association to talk about his £700k investment into tackling rural crime and visited Myerscough College to see the recently developed Farm Defender crime prevention tool developed by the College and Lancashire Constabulary.

9. The Commissioner has announced that Waterfoot Police Station in Rossendale would reopen in the summer, delivering on his commitment for every borough area to have at least one open front counter.
10. The Deputy Commissioner joined students in the Ribble Valley raising awareness around dangerous driving in a hotspot area where concerns have been raised.
11. The Deputy Commissioner also attended the Quarterly Performance Review for Lancashire Victim Services and Nest. A copy of the Lancashire Victim Services Annual Report for 2021-22 is available via the Commissioner's website.
[Lancashire-Victim-Services-Annual-Report-21-22.pdf \(lancashire-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)
12. As Chair of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership and Lancashire Criminal Justice Board the Deputy Commissioner also continues to work with partners across to deliver the priorities in the Police and Crime Plan

Communications and Engagement

13. May 2022 marked one year in post for the Commissioner and a series of news updates were issued through the media and across the OPCCs website and social media channels to highlight everything that has been achieved over the past 12 months through a short video, infographics and 'Ask the Commissioner' media opportunities.
14. The Commissioner has joined social media platform Next Door where, as a public service, he can communicate with 177,000+ verified residents across Lancashire and update them on the delivery of the police and crime plan priorities.
15. The Commissioner continues to speak out and lobby on the impact of the Police Education Qualifications Framework (PEQF) and requirement for all new police officer recruits to have or work towards a degree.
16. The Commissioner joined Chief Constable Chris Rowley and BBC Radio Lancashire for the official opening of the Police Museum at Lancaster Castle in June 2022. The Commissioner has supported the development of the Museum website and marketing to ensure a successful launch.
17. The Commissioner will launch a summer survey early July to help inform his work getting tough on antisocial behaviour. This insight will inform a series of ASB summits in the autumn and a wider ASB communications campaign.

Recommendation

18. Panel Members are recommended to consider the information contained in this report, and the information provided within the meeting, and comment accordingly.

Angela Harrison
Chief Executive