

REPORT TO SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

1. Meeting:	Police and Crime Panel
2. Date:	02 May 2014
3. Title:	Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 17: Refresh
4. Organisation	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire

5. Summary

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act (2011) requires the Police and Crime Commissioner to issue a Police and Crime Plan (Plan) in the financial year that the election is held and as soon as is practicable after taking up office.

Members will be aware that the Commissioner published his first five-year Plan last year. The Act allows the Police and Crime Commissioner to vary the Plan when required allowing the Police and Crime Commissioner, in consultation with the Chief Constable and any recommendations from the Police and Crime Panel, to respond to issues and priorities which emerge during the life of the Plan.

Before issuing or varying a Plan the Police and Crime Commissioner must:

- (a) prepare a draft of the plan or variation,
- (b) consult the relevant chief constable in preparing the draft plan or variation,
- (c) send the draft plan or variation to the relevant police and crime panel,
- (d) have regard to any report or recommendations made by the panel in relation to the draft plan or variation (see section 28(3)),
- (e) give the panel a response to any such report or recommendations, and
- (f) publish any such response.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Police and Crime Panel receives the draft Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 17 Refresh, attached at Appendix A and provide comment to the Commissioner before 07 May 2014

7. Proposals and details

Having considered a wide range of information from the public and partners, and reviewed wider regional and national issues, the Commissioner has determined that his strategic policing and crime priorities, as set out below, remain unchanged:

- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Improving visible policing

Within the priorities however there is an identified need to shift focus in this second year and the Plan has been refreshed to reflect these changing police and crime needs.

The Commissioner's focus in his second year of office will include making significant progress towards the following policing and crime outcomes for the people of South Yorkshire:

Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- Everyone's voice is heard;
- Fewer victims of crime and ASB;
- Victims of crime are satisfied with the service they receive from the Police;
- A fairer and more just society where victims of crimes, such as anti-social behaviour, have a say in how offenders should be punished;
- Lower reoffending rates;
- People feel more safe;
- A Service that provides value for money.

Protecting Vulnerable People

- Partners working together to deliver joined-up services which focus on meeting the needs of the most vulnerable in South Yorkshire;
- Services that are accessible and available to those who need them the most;
- Vulnerable people feeling safer in their homes, and in their communities;
- Victims feel more confident in reporting incidents of crime and ASB.

Improving Visible Policing

- People feel more safe;
- Fewer incidents of crime and ASB;
- More officers and volunteers who are reflective of the communities they serve;
- Improved public confidence and victim satisfaction with the police;
- The right people, in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.

The Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 17 Refresh provides an overview of the current position, along with an expression of "where we want to be" and "how we are going to get there" in relation to each of the strategic priorities.

8. Finance

The Commissioner has allocated the Force a budget of £239.8m in 2014/15. As well as commissioning a wide range of agencies from across the public, private and voluntary sectors to help him deliver his priorities

Members of the Panel have previously considered the budget and council tax precept for 2014/15.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

In addition to the impact of the austerity measures which have cut across the whole of the public sector there are additional financial risks and uncertainties to South Yorkshire.

The Commissioner holds reserves which are at a level broadly in line with those held in other Metropolitan policing areas and has a Reserves Strategy in place which remains vulnerable to a negative outcome in respect of "Special Grant" applications currently with the Home Office for consideration.

10. Background Papers and Consultation

All background papers used in the preparation of this report are available for inspection at the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner, 18 Regent Street, Barnsley, S70 2HG.

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