

REPORT TO SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

1.	Meeting:	Police and Crime Panel
2.	Date:	19 March 2015
3.	Title:	Putting Safety First South Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2013/17 (Renewed March 2015)
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 previous Commissioner published his first five-year Plan in 2013.

The Act makes provision for the Commissioner to vary the Plan, 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. This includes any changes in the strategic policing requirement issued by the Home Secretary.

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 renewed Police and Crime Plan 2013/17: Putting Safety First, attached at Appendix A and provide comment to the Commissioner before 25 March 2015.

7. Proposals and details

Having listened to the views of community groups, leaders in business, the universities and local authorities, those working in the voluntary sector and many individuals, the Commissioner has identified all shared a similar view around wishing to be safe and feeling safe.

In consultation with the Chief Constable, taking cognisance of the recently amended Strategic Policing Requirement, and after consideration of the evidence gathered as part of the strategic planning process, the Commissioner has identified that 'Putting Safety First', ensuring services are responsive to the public and needs of victims, will determine the priorities of the police service for the period to 2017.

Set out below is an extract from the Plan providing an overview of the 'Aim' and 'Strategic Priorities'.

The Aim

South Yorkshire will be and feel a safe place
to live, learn and work

The Strategic Priorities

Protecting Vulnerable People	Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour	Enabling Fair Treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective action tackling child sexual exploitation.• Reduction in the vulnerability of individuals within the community.• Effective response to new and evolving threats to the most vulnerable people.• Nationally recognised good practice in protecting vulnerable people from harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective action tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.• Targeted response to those that cause most harm in the community and intervention with others before they enter the criminal justice system.• Prioritising the crime and behaviours that cause the most harm in the community.• The right outcomes for victims of crime and anti-social behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrity in all actions, reflecting the national policing 'Code of Ethics'.• Engagement that actively seeks to implement public feedback in delivering police services.• Services to those most in need of them, ensuring a visible presence in the areas where this will have the most impact.• Services that inspire trust in the general public.



8. Finance

The Commissioner has a total revenue budget of £240m for 2015/16, of which approximately £230m has been allocated to the Force. The remainder of revenue funding has been allocated to: a wide range of agencies from across the public, private and voluntary sectors to help him deliver the Plan's priorities; support the costs of the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner; and meet the costs of financing asset acquisitions.

Members of the Panel have previously considered the budget and council tax precept for 2015/16.

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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