



To:	The Sussex Police & Crime Panel
From:	The Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner
Subject:	Police & Crime Plan 2017/21
Date:	23 September 2016
Recommendation:	That the Police & Crime Panel note the report.

1.0 Police & Crime Plan 2017/21

- 1.1 The Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) has a statutory duty to set the police and crime objectives for their area through a Police & Crime Plan. The prescribed content of the Plan is set out in Chapter 3 – Section 7(1) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (PRSRA).
- 1.2 The current Plan was approved by the Sussex Police & Crime Panel on 11 January 2013 and has been refreshed annually in accordance with Section 5(9) PRSRA. This Plan also remains valid until 31 March 2017.
- 1.3 Work on the Police & Crime Plan 2017/21 has begun and will include shaping, developing and designing community safety priorities which reflect accurately the expectations of the public. The Plan is intended to cover the (second) four-year term of office of the PCC and will again be refreshed annually.
- 1.4 The PCC has confirmed the four policing and crime objectives for 2017/21 as follows:
 - Strengthening local policing;
 - Working with local communities and partners to keep Sussex safe;
 - Protecting our vulnerable and helping victims cope and recover from crime and abuse; and
 - Improving access to justice for members of the public.
- 1.5 The aims which underpin each of these objectives are still being developed. These underpinning aims will set out the core activities required to ensure the four policing and crime objectives are delivered.
- 1.6 The draft Plan will be presented to the Panel meeting on 20 January 2017 for the Panel to formally review in accordance with Chapter 4 – Section 28(3) of the PRSRA.
- 1.7 Further to any recommendations made by the Panel, the new Plan will be launched as soon as is practicable after the meeting and, in any case, before the 31 March 2017.

2.0 Reference Group and Working Group

- 2.1 The PCC has established a Reference Group to assist in the development and design of the new Plan. The Reference Group comprises of representative members from Sussex Police, community safety and criminal justice partners.
- 2.2 The role of the Reference Group is to develop an understanding of the work being undertaken by the PCC and to comment and provide feedback on the new Plan. The Reference Group has met twice (30 June and 26 August 2016) and is scheduled to meet again in December.
- 2.3 As in previous years, the Panel has been invited to establish a Working Group to act as a critical friend to the PCC in the development of the new Plan. The Working Group met on 31 August 2016 to review and comment on the policing and crime objectives and underpinning aims and will meet again in December.
- 2.4 The Working Group will also consider the assumptions and aspirations underlying the development of the proposed budget and precept for 2017/18.

3.0 Public Consultation

- 3.1 In developing the Plan, the PCC is also required to consider the views of the local community and victims of crime. These views will be sought via a full public consultation process to which all partners will be invited to participate.
- 3.2 It is proposed that part of this consultation process will include a joint survey in partnership with Brighton & Hove City Council, East Sussex County Council and West Sussex County Council. Face-to-face consultation will also take place through the PCC's #TalkSussex programme.
- 3.3 Further details regarding the public consultation will be made available in due course.

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