



To:	The Sussex Police & Crime Panel
From:	The Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner
Subject:	Police & Crime Plan 2017/21
Date:	20 January 2017
Recommendation:	That the Police & Crime Panel – i) note the report; and ii) formally review the Police & Crime Plan in accordance with Chapter 4 – Section 28(3) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

## **1.0 Police & Crime Plan 2017/21**

- 1.1 The Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) election for England and Wales took place on 5 May 2016 and Mrs Katy Bourne was re-elected PCC for Sussex.
- 1.2 Mrs Bourne was formally appointed in office on 6 May 2016. The PCC has a statutory duty to set the policing 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).
- 1.3 A new Police & Crime Plan for 2017/21 has been developed. This process involved a complete review of the priority areas, policing and crime objectives, measures and supporting information. The Plan is intended to cover the (second) four-year term of office of the PCC.
- 1.4 The PCC has confirmed the four policing and crime objectives and 12 underpinning aims for 2017/21 as follows:

### **Strengthen local policing**

- Ensure local policing services are accessible.
- Provide effective specialist capabilities to support local policing.
- Maintain engagement in the delivery of local policing services to improve public confidence.

### **Work with local communities and partners to keep Sussex safe**

- Encourage and support local communities to prevent crime and disorder.
- Work with partners to reduce offending and reoffending.
- Catch criminals and prevent serious and organised crime and terrorism.

### **Protect our vulnerable and help victims cope and recover from crime and abuse**

- Commission high-quality services which support victims.
- Prioritise access to services for vulnerable victims.
- Enhance our understanding and meet the needs of victims in Sussex.

## **Improve access to justice for victims and witnesses**

- Ensure victims and witnesses have the most positive experience of the criminal justice system.
- Support vulnerable victims and witnesses.
- Maximise the use of technology to improve access to justice for all.

1.5 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.

1.6 Section 5(9) of the PRSRA also requires the PCC to keep the Plan under review and, as in previous years, the Plan will again be refreshed annually.

## **2.0 Reference Group and Working Group**

2.1 The PCC established a Reference Group to assist in the development and design of the new Plan. The Reference Group comprised of representative members from Sussex Police, community safety and criminal justice partners.

2.2 The role of the Reference Group has been 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 three times on 30 June, 26 August and 9 December 2016.

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 twice on 31 August and 14 December 2016 to review and comment on the policing and crime objectives, underpinning aims and content of the Plan.

2.4 The Working Group has also considered the assumptions and aspirations underlying the development of the proposed budget and precept for 2017/18.

2.5 The Plan in Appendix A reflects the recommendations made by both the Reference Group and the Working Group. It should be noted that the Plan appears in draft form and is still to be finalised by the graphic designers.

## **3.0 Public Consultation**

3.1 In developing the Plan, the PCC is required to consider the views of the local community and victims of crime. Views on the policing and crime objectives and underpinning aims were sought via a public consultation across the month of November 2016.

3.2 A total of 542 responses were received from across each of the districts in Sussex. Of which, 72% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the policing and crime objectives were appropriate for the Police & Crime Plan for Sussex.

3.3 In terms of the delivery of the underpinning aims to ensure that the policing and crime objectives are met:

- 60% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that delivery of the aims under "strengthen local policing" would ensure that the policing and crime objective is met;
- 65% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that delivery of the aims under "work with local communities and partners to keep Sussex safe" would ensure that the policing and crime objective is met;
- 61% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that delivery of the aims under "protect our vulnerable and help victims cope and recover from crime and abuse" would ensure that the policing and crime objective is met; and
- 67% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that delivery of the aims under "improve access to justice for victims and witnesses" would ensure that the policing and crime objective is met.

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