

Agenda item no. 6

| To:                    | The Police & Crime Panel for Sussex               |
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| To:<br>From:           | The Police & Crime Commissioner for Sussex        |
| Subject:               | Police & Crime Plan Refresh for 2016/17           |
| Date:                  | 22 January 2016                                   |
| <b>Recommendation:</b> | That the Police & Crime Panel –                   |
|                        | i) note the report; and                           |
|                        | ii) comment on the refreshed Police & Crime Plan. |

## 1.0 Police & Crime Plan 2013/2017

- 1.1 The Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) has a statutory duty to set the police and crime objectives for their area through a Police & Crime Plan.
- 1.2 The Plan is intended to cover the four-year term of office of a PCC. The current Plan is scheduled to cover 2013 to 2017 and was approved by the Police & Crime Panel on 11 January 2013.
- 1.3 Section 5(9) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the PCC to keep the Plan under review, and in particular to review the Plan in the light of any report or recommendations made to the Commissioner by the relevant Police & Crime Panel under section 28(4).
- 1.4 Consequently, the Panel has been asked to comment annually on the Commissioner's refreshed Plan. This has taken place on 24 January 2014 and 23 January 2015.
- 1.5 The purpose of this report is to outline the work that has taken place to refresh the current Plan for 2016/17 and to outline the context for the Police & Crime Plan from 2017 to 2021.

# 2.0 Police & Crime Plan Refresh for 2016/17

- 2.1 This will be the last refresh to the current Police & Crime Plan.
- 2.2 A reference group comprising of representative members of the Police & Crime Panel was again established and met twice in September and December 2015 to consider areas where the Plan should be refreshed.
- 2.3 As in previous years, the remit of the Working Group was to consider whether the Plan still accurately reflected the expectations of the public and to comment on any proposed changes. The Terms of Reference for the Working Group are detailed in Appendix A for information.
- 2.4 The refreshed Plan in Appendix B reflects the recommendations made by the Working Group. It should be noted that the Plan appears in draft form and is still to be finalised by the graphic designers.
- 2.5 The refreshed Plan will be relaunched as soon as is practicable following the Panel meeting.

# 3.0 New Police & Crime Plan 2017/21

- 3.1 The PCC election for England and Wales is on 5 May 2016.
- 3.2 The elected PCC is required to issue a Police & Crime Plan as soon as practicable after taking office and, in any case, before the end of the financial year in which the Commissioner is elected (31 March 2017).
- 3.3 Work on a new Plan will begin once the PCC has been elected and formally appointed in office. This development of the Plan will involve a complete review of the priority areas, police and crime objectives, measures and supporting information.
- 3.4 It is anticipated that a Police & Crime Panel Working Group will again be established to assist in the development of the new Plan.

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