



SUSSEX POLICE & CRIME PANEL

Sussex Police and Crime Panel

29 January 2021

Police and Crime Plan 2021-24

Report by The Clerk to Sussex Police and Crime Panel

Focus for scrutiny/Summary

In respect of the draft Plan, informed by the findings of the Precept and Plan Working Group, the Panel is asked to consider:

- a. How well the matters set out under paragraph 1.3 are addressed
- b. The appropriateness and adequacy of the performance measures against which the Commissioner will hold the Chief Constable to account
- c. How well the desires and aspirations of Sussex's residents have been reflected.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Commissioner has decided to prepare and publish a Police and Crime Plan for 2021-24. The current Plan has a term of 2017/2021.
- 1.2 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the Act) permits a Commissioner (PCC) to issue a Plan at any time. However, in respect of any plan or variation to a plan, the PCC must send a draft to the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) and have regard to any report or recommendations made by the PCP.
- 1.3 A plan should set out the following matters (from Schedule 7 of the Act):
 - a. The PCC's police and crime objectives
 - b. The policing of the police area which the Chief Constable is to provide
 - c. The financial and other resources which the PCC is to provide to the Chief Constable for the Chief Constable to exercise the functions of Chief Constable
 - d. The means by which the Chief Constable will report to the PCC on the Chief Constable's provision of policing
 - e. The means by which the Chief Constable's performance in providing policing will be measured;
 - f. The services which are to be provided by virtue of section 143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014;
 - g. Any grants which the PCC is to make under that section, and the conditions (if any) subject to which any such grants are to be made.

- 1.4 The PCC's objectives are the objectives for:
 - a. Policing in Sussex
 - b. Crime and disorder reduction in Sussex
 - c. The discharge by Sussex Police of its national or international functions.

2. Discussion

- 2.1 The Precept and Plan Working Group was able to review and make recommendations on an early draft of the Plan at its first meeting, and to consider how well its comments had been addressed in a subsequent draft, at its second meeting. The Group was pleased with the timing of its involvement, and the positive influence it was able to exert. However, due to the Plan preparation process timeline, the Group was not able to preview the performance measures, against delivery of which the PCC proposes to hold the Chief Constable to account (see 1.3/e above). It is therefore suggested that the Panel satisfies itself that the performance measures are appropriate and adequate.

The Group's full report can be found under item 5 of this agenda.

- 2.2 Following the meeting, a report will be prepared in consultation with the Chairman, and dispatched and published within two working days. The Commissioner's response will be published on the Panel's webpage and included in the published papers for the Panel's next meeting.

3. Risk Management Implications

- 3.1 Scrutiny of the draft Police & Crime Plan is a statutory duty for the Panel. It is important that this duty is undertaken thoroughly and effectively.

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