

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

15 JANUARY 2013

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2013-2017

Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report presents the Police and Crime Panel (the Panel) with the Police and Crime Commissioner's (the Commissioner) first Police and Crime Plan (the Plan) for Nottinghamshire.
- 1.2 In accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility (PR&SR) Act 2011 the Plan must be published as soon as practicable after taking office on 22nd November 2012 but no later than 31st March 2013.
- 1.3 The draft Plan was presented to the final Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) Partnership Transition Programme Board meeting on the 2nd November, with an endorsement that the draft Plan would require refinements and further adjustments with the Commissioner shaping the policing and crime vision, priorities and objectives which has been undertaken to finalise the draft Plan to be presented to the Panel for views and comments on 15th January 2013.
- 1.4 The Commissioner is due to meet with the Chief Constable on 8 January 2013 to agree the final draft version of the Plan. This will be circulated to Members by 9 January 2013.

Information and Advice

- 2.1 The PR&SR Act 2011 places a statutory duty on the Commissioner to publish a Plan for their policing area. Section 7(1) of the Act specifically states the following in relation to the contents of the Plan:

Section 7 – Police and Crime Plans

(1) A Police and Crime Plan is a plan which sets out, in relation to the planning period, the following matters—

- a) the elected local policing body's police and crime objectives;*
- b) the policing of the police area which the chief officer of police is to provide;*
- c) the financial and other resources which the elected local policing body is to provide to the chief officer of police for the chief officer to exercise the functions of chief officer;*
- d) the means by which the chief officer of police will report to the elected local policing body on the chief officer's provision of policing;*
- e) the means by which the chief officer of police's performance in providing policing will be measured;*
- f) the crime and disorder reduction grants which the elected local policing body is to make, and the conditions (if any) to which such grants are to be made.*

- 2.2 Section 5(1) of the PR&SR Act 2011 requires the Commissioner to *'issue a Police and Crime Plan within the financial year in which each ordinary election is held'*. For the first Plan this means no later than 31st March 2013.
- 2.3 Prior to publication of the Plan, the Commissioner must consult with the Chief Constable in preparing the Plan; obtain the views of the community and victims of crime on the draft Plan and send the draft Plan to the Panel and have regard to any recommendations made by the Panel.

Development of the Plan

- 2.4 To ensure that the Commissioner meets the statutory deadline for publishing the Plan, whilst allowing sufficient time to meet the requirements set out in paragraph 2.3 above, it was essential that preparatory work was undertaken as part of the PCC Partnership Transition Programme, which involved partners across policing and community safety. This work was conducted through Project 12, which included the development of the first Joint Partnership Strategic Assessment which was led by the Police Authority and the Force prior to the election.
- 2.5 This was an essential approach to develop the strategic themes with key policing and community safety and criminal justice partners, which included many factors such as intelligence analysis of emerging threats and risks to policing and crime, policing requirements and partnership priorities over the coming year.
- 2.6 In addition, the work on the development of the Plan needed to be carried out in parallel to the preparatory work on the budget, which provides the statement of the resources available to support the Plan and an Equality Assessment to identify equality requirements of delivery of policing and crime services to communities and citizens.
- 2.7 The development and preparation of the Joint Partnership Strategic Assessment to draft the Plan has included the following approaches to obtain an accurate picture of current and future policing and crime needs:
- A strategic political, economic, social, technological, environmental, legal and organisational (PESTELO) analysis.
 - Joint strategic intelligence analysis, which included Local Police Area context analysis.
 - Community consultation and engagement analysis, informed by Project 4: Engagement and Consultation of the PCC Partnership Transition Programme focussed on communities and victims of crime.
 - Analysis of performance data and progress against the current Force Policing Plan.
 - Analysis of crime and policing grants through the work of Project 5: Commissioning of the PCC Partnership Transition Programme.
- 2.8 These strands of information and analysis assisted with the development of the strategic themes for consideration by the Commissioner, along with the

collective operational expertise of the Chief Constable's Chief Officer Team and the Force Strategic Planning, and have sought to involve partners from Local Authorities and community safety which have included joint meetings between the Safer Notts Board and City Community Safety Partnership, the Chief Constable also consulted with Chief Executives at one of their joint meetings.

2.9 There has been work with the Force and community safety and criminal justice partners to consider the contents of the Plan to ensure that it meets legislative requirements as well as reflecting the needs and priorities for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. In addition, there has been further consultation conducted by the Commissioner and the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (NOPCC) to obtain the views of partners, communities and victims of crime which has included:

- Focus groups with representatives from the Women's Groups.
- Focus group with representatives from Black and Minority Ethnic and Refugee Groups.
- Focus group with members of the Nottingham City Youth Cabinet.
- Discussions with Transgender Group.
- NCC Youth Board, Bassetlaw and Broxtowe NCC Young People Scrutiny Advisory Board.
- Work with the agencies that the Commissioner has signed pledges, charters or support, including:
 - Victims Support Pledges
 - Youth Charter
 - Nottingham Citizen
 - Rural issues – Nottinghamshire's Farmers Union and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
 - Violence against women and girls
 - RSPCA Animal Welfare Charter

Further opportunities for engagement and consultation have been developed with the Commissioner's draft Community Engagement and Consultation Strategy, together with drafting in parallel with the production of the Plan an Equality Assessment that has emphasis on protected characteristics.

2.10 There has been a further exercise, working with the Force and partners to identify and agree the Strategic Framework, which outlines the Commissioner's Vision, pledges and aligns priorities, key activities and performance measures to the partnerships agreed strategic themes. This has been conducted to ensure that the Plan has a clear Delivery Programme which will be managed throughout the duration of the Plan.

2.11 The Panel's comments on the draft Plan will be taken into account in developing the final iteration to be published, in line with the final budget for 2013/14 and will incorporate appropriate budgetary provision to deliver the Plan which will be presented to the Panel for formal review at its meeting on 6th February 2013. In accordance with the PR&SR Act 2011 the Panel is required to make a report or recommendations on the draft plan.

Delivering the Plan

- 2.12 The actual delivery of the strategic themes and key activities will be delivered through the Delivery Programme contained in the Plan, which will be supported by partner agencies' own annual service delivery plans, including the Force's Policing Plan. The Commissioner's first annual report will be produced after the first 100 days in office, and further annual reports will provide evidence of delivery of the objectives of the Plan outlined in the Delivery Programme.
- 2.13 Drawing on the analysis to date and the themes identified within the draft Plan, the Force has already begun work on its draft Policing Plan in respect of 2013/14.

Other Options Considered

- 3.1 None.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The Commissioner is required to publish the first Police and Crime Plan as soon as practicable after taking office on 22nd November 2012 but no later than 31st March 2013.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 In view of the pressing timescales essential preparatory work on the draft Plan commenced throughout the summer of 2012 as part of the PCC Partnership Transition Programme. The Panel's comments are now invited and, where appropriate, will be incorporated into the final iteration of the Plan which will be published by the 31st March 2013.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- Draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017
- Equality Assessment for the Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017

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