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POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides the Police and Crime Panel with an overview of the activities undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner and her office since March 2023 in undertaking their statutory duties¹ and delivering against the ambitions of the 2021 to 2025 Police and Crime Plan.
- 1.2 Supplementary papers include a summary of delivery against the Commissioner's 2022/23 Police and Crime Delivery Plan (Appendix A) and a forward plan of key OPCC and force decisions for the latest planning period (Appendix B).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Police and Crime Panel is invited to scrutinise the contents of these reports and briefings and seek assurance on any specific areas of concern. The Panel is also invited to request further information where required and make relevant observations and recommendations within the scope of their role².
- 2.2 The Police and Crime Panel has a statutory duty³ to undertake scrutiny of the Commissioner in fulfilling her statutory duties (Section 14 of the Policing Protocol 2011). These reports are designed to assist the Police and Crime Panel in fulfilling these responsibilities.

Section 13 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility (PR&SR) Act 2011 requires the Commissioner to, subject to certain restrictions, provide the Panel with any information which they may reasonably require in order to carry out their functions, and any other information which the Commissioner considers appropriate

² Police and Crime Panels: A Guide to Scrutiny, Local Government Association, Updated 2016

³ Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

3. Police and Crime Delivery Plan 2022/23

- 3.1 The Commissioner has issued a revised annual Make Notts Safe delivery plan for 2023/24 which sets out a range of in-year activity that will be undertaken to support delivery of the overarching Police and Crime Plan. The annual delivery plan carries forward ongoing actions and sets out new activity which will be undertaken during the year which include:
 - Secure Safer Streets legacy and future investment
 - Implement the Another Way programme
 - Ensure delivery of the Notts Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy
 - Support mobilisation of the new Out of Court Disposals framework
 - Improve drug treatment engagement outcomes across the CJS
 - Delivery of the Nottinghamshire Immediate Justice Pilot
 - Support wider roll-out of the Rapid Video Response programme
 - Establish a Fraud Partnership to improve multi-agency working
 - Recommission Victim Care and Restorative Nottinghamshire services
 - Launch the Make Notts Safe Innovation Fund and Community Chest
 - Embed and deliver the national Race Action Plan
 - Support development of Independent Scrutiny and Advisory Groups
- 3.2 The revised delivery plan is shown at Appendix A and will be routinely reported to the Police and Crime Panel throughout 2023/24. This section highlights progress made against the plan since March 2023.

Making our streets, villages, towns and city safer

- 3.3 The PCC is committed to exploring new funding opportunities for the Safer Streets programme and securing the legacy of the work undertaken to date. Nottinghamshire has been successful in securing more funding from the Home Office Safer Streets programme than any other police force area nationally since 2019/20, contributing significantly to improvements in security and feelings of safety in the areas targeted.
- 3.4 The OPCC has been working with the City Business Improvement District (BID) and community safety partners to maximise the impact of revenue from the Late-Night Levy following an independent needs assessment undertaken in 2022. A range of sustainable Night time Economy (NTE) interventions are being taken forward which include embedding the Safe Spaces pledge, further roll out of 'Best Bar None' accreditation, expanding and promoting bystander training for NTE staff, roll out and promotion of the Consent Coalition public health campaign which was launched on 12 May 2023 and installation of new refuge cameras.

Steering vulnerable young people away from crime

- 3.5 The Notts Violence Reduction Partnership (NNVRP) have commissioned providers to deliver detached youth work within Nottingham City and conurbation. This will involve mobile teams working to geographic hotspots as identified by Nottinghamshire Police colleagues, NNVRP, and Local Authority intelligence and will complement the police GRIP patrols to increase community intelligence and identification of children and young people who require additional support with robust pathways into support mechanisms. There will be 3 core teams fully operational during May 2023.
- 3.6 The VRP Youth Work Project Lead is working with a targeted cohort of young people to promote and implement the Youth Charter. Using a 'Train the Trainer' model, the Youth Work Lead will equip local young people to train local VCS how to implement the Youth Charter in their work. Young people from Imara have already signed up to be the first cohort to take the training. The VRP and VCS will host a `sign up' to the Youth Charter event for organisations on 8th June 2023.
- 3.7 Divert Plus, Youth Endowment Fund, Custody intervention continues to demonstrate positive outcomes during the pilot phase, with 69 children and young people engaged across the City and County, the majority being young males aged 15-17 years. This early intervention supports the use of the Outcome 20 or 22 (educational or diversionary activity) as opposed to Community Resolution or a Youth Conditional Caution. 2 of the young people who have engaged with music as a diversionary activity had the opportunity to perform at the Royal Concert Hall.
- 3.8 The Divert Plus programme is identifying a consistently high number of participants with additional speech and language needs and the Speech and Language Therapists have reviewed information and bail notices to introduce more accessible versions. The VRP has also provided sensory training for the Appropriate Adult Service. Following the pilot period, Youth Endowment Fund have now confirmed that the Divert Plus project will not progress to the efficacy phase due to a lower than anticipated numbers of referrals, however, funding will continue for a further 6 months to enable the partnership to consider any elements of the project that may be sustainable.
- 3.9 'Another Way', the Youth Endowment Fund project is due to enter the delivery phase in June 2023. This intervention will work specifically with children and young people who are known to be offending or are on the periphery of offending as part of a group dynamic. The VRP has conducted extensive local consultation on the design of the Focussed Deterrence intervention including a successful event with over thirty different organisations giving their feedback on the plans,

and a series of public conversations with communities affected by exploitation of young people.

- 3.10 The Violence Reduction Partnership, under the convening power of the Police and Crime Commissioner, continues to lead the local implementation of the Serious Violence Duty which came into effect on 31st January 2023. This includes a Serious Violence Data Steering Group (SVDG) that includes representation from all specified authorities and the group are progressing data sharing for the JSNA as well as ambitions for a shared Data Dashboard and report to the SVD Implementation Group. A 'readiness assessment' commissioned by the Home Office deemed Nottinghamshire to be 'ready and engaged' across the majority of categories, meaning that the area has understood and endorsed the implications of a change in approach to serious violence and are already, or in the process of, mobilising a whole-system multiagency approach. The area was assessed as 'mature' in terms of community consensus and 'ready for co-operation' in terms of information and data sharing.
- 3.11 The Serious Violence Duty comes with 'new burdens' funding to support implementation for 23/24 of £160.848, for which a suggested split is 40/60% between interventions and labour costs. It is proposed the funding will be spent on the following areas: scoping and design of a partnership dashboard for violence. This addresses the 'ready' scoring received for co-operation on information and data sharing and aligns with the recommendations for improving data sharing; research into the high rate of first-time entrants (aged 10 to 17) into the criminal justice system and a gang and violence reduction programme within HM Prison Nottingham.

Improving our approach to reducing reoffending

- 3.12 The OPCC is working with the force and other local partners to ensure appropriate interventions are in place to meet the requirements of the new two tier Out of Court Disposals framework in 2023. A number of services are already in place delivering specific interventions, which include:
 - Female-specific conditional cautions project contracted to March 2024
 - Hate Crime awareness course contracted to March 2025
 - Victim awareness training currently provided by Victim Support
- 3.13 The procurement process is currently underway for a Community Resolution offer which is scheduled to go live by Summer 2023 and a new victim awareness training offer which is scheduled to go live on 1 October 2023. Further to this, a range of potential alcohol / substance misuse interventions are being explored via current service providers in the city and county and options are being explored to develop evidence-led out of court disposal interventions for domestic abuse and male offenders with complex needs.

3.14 The Commissioner met the staff leading the SCRAM alcohol tags and remote breath unit project on 17 May as part of a session to train the other three regional forces in their use. Nottinghamshire force has been the first in Europe to make use of the remote breathalyser technology which is being used as a step-down measure for those subject to alcohol tag monitoring.

Policing the digital beat

- 3.15 The PCC held her inaugural Fraud Partnership meeting on 23 May 2023 bringing together a wide range of local stakeholders and specialists including police, local authorities, universities, third sector partners and the banking sector. The group reviewed a draft delivery plan which has been developed in collaboration with the Safer Nottinghamshire Board fraud and cyber-crime subgroup. The delivery plan sets out a wide range of actions and activity aligned to the priority objectives of preventing, responding, supporting and collaborating.
- 3.16 The Commissioner has confirmed a schedule of events and engagement activity for 2023/24 which will see officers sharing information, advice and resources to help protect individuals and businesses from fraud and cyber-crime. This includes the Nottinghamshire County Show and events and community sessions attended alongside Independent Age. A series of cyber webinars are also being delivered and co-ordinated across the five regional police forces aligned with national awareness days such as World Back Up Day, National Selfie Day and World Password Day.
- 3.17 Nottinghamshire police has also been working to develop a fraud advice booklet which enables individuals and communities to recognise the signs of different types of fraud, better protect themselves from victimisation and know who they can contact for support or further information.
- 3.18 A regional Proactive Economic Crime Team (PECT) has also been established which will focus on high-risk crime types such as courier fraud and romance fraud with the intention of centralising the response to these offences. The scope of the team is wide, with a proactive response being provided in combating scams and targeting those who legitimise gun, drug or human trafficking, as well as laundering money through property and business. They will aim to pursue and disrupt organised crime groups operating regionally and nationally alongside other regional PECTs.

Responding to issues of greatest community concern

- 3.19 Nottinghamshire was confirmed as one of ten 'trailblazer' sites to pilot the government's new 'Immediate Justice programme on 27 March 2023 as part of measures introduced via the Anti-social Behaviour Action Plan. Backed by £2m funding over two years, the pilot will see ASB perpetrators undertake practical reparative activity in their communities to 'make good' the loss or damage that has been sustained by victims. The project aims to see reparative action commencing as early as 48 hours after the condition has been granted.
- 3.20 Led via the Anti-social Behaviour Taskforce, the PCC is taking a lead role in commissioning services and developing interventions to meet these requirements working closely with local partners including local authorities, the police and youth justice teams. A multi-agency task and finish group has been established to take this project forward.
- 3.21 Other actions being taken forward via the ASB Taskforce include improving the consistency of local policies, protocols and responses to ASB across local authority areas and improving the availability and sharing of information to improve our understanding of the nature, prevalence and geographic distribution of ASB across Nottinghamshire.
- 3.22 The Commissioner announced the successful recipients of thematic grant funding for projects to improve the response to rural crime and better meet the needs of rural communities in May 2023. Projects included
 - 'Operation Swift' (Hill Holt Wood) which aims to reduce rural crime in Newark and Sherwood through education, prevention programmes and reparative activities - investing in the youth of our green spaces and countryside
 - Equation's 'Domestic Abuse in Rural Communities' programme which works with rural communities to raise awareness of domestic abuse and the specialist support services available, up-skill professionals and increase survivors' confidence to access support.

A hostile environment for Serious and Organised Crime

3.23 The OPCC continues to chair the Nottinghamshire Breaking Drug Supply Chains steering group which supports the delivery of local response to the Governments ten-year drugs strategy – 'From Harm to Hope'. The group provides transparency and co-ordination of local plans to tackle middle and streel level drug dealing, seize criminal assets, close county lines operations and restrict drug supply into prisons.

3.24 The group will review what works in breaking drug supply chains, identify areas for local improvement, strengthen performance management and scrutiny of this agenda and ensure a clear and consistent flow of information across Local Serious and Organised Crime Boards, Substance Misuse Partnerships, Community Safety Partnerships and Health and Wellbeing Boards. The group includes representation from Notts Police, East Midlands Specialist Operations Unit, the National Crime Agency, local prisons, Community Safety Partnerships, British Transport Police, Probation and Youth Justice and city and county Public Health.

Exposing hidden harm and safeguarding vulnerable people

- 3.25 All local authorities across Nottinghamshire have confirmed financial commitments to the Slavery and Exploitation Risk Assessment Conference (SERAC) model which will see the work of the City and conurbation team rolled out to the rest of the county. The SERAC provides a multi-agency action planning and case conferencing response to identified or suspected slavery and exploitation and has received national recognition as a model of best practice.
- 3.26 The team has been highly effective in the city and conurbation at identifying issues of 'hidden harm' and reducing demand on other services through early intervention. By bringing together information and intelligence from a variety of agencies. the team has been able safeguard and protect many highly vulnerable people, many of which did not initially meet thresholds for the Care Act or immediate police intervention.

4. Governance and accountability

- 4.1 The OPCC convened further Accountability Boards on 14 March and 16 May 2023 as part of a regular programme of oversight and scrutiny which is helping to ensure a priority focus on the objectives of the Make Notts Safe Plan. Areas of focus included violence against women and girls, hotspot patrols, a review of corporate performance, identifying and supporting children and young people affected by criminal exploitation, citizens in policing, safer streets and vetting, complaints and misconduct.
- 4.2 In addition to the Accountability Board, the Commissioner maintains a weekly dialogue with the Chief Constable and Force leads about matters of organisational significance, or that impact upon community safety and criminal justice across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.
- 4.3 The OPCC continues to work with Nottinghamshire Police to embed the Independent Community Scrutiny Panel (ICSP) and Independent Advisory Groups (IAG) as mechanisms for capturing recommendations and advice from

local residents as part of a robust scrutiny and engagement process. The ICSP received induction training in May to expand their knowledge of policing policy and procedure in relation to Stop and Search, Use of Force and areas linked to their scrutiny programme. Work is also being undertaken to preserve non-evidential body worn video footage beyond the current 31 days in order to enable greater scrutiny of police interactions that may be of interest to the community. The ICSP are scheduled to meet in June to review and scrutinise stop and search Body Worn Video.

4.4 The PCC's Youth Independent Advisory Group (YIAG) played a role in advising on the delivery of stop and search training and reviewing training on the Police Race Action Plan in April. They have also created a media piece with the support of a professional filmmaker to inform young people of their rights and what to expect in a stop and search under PACE or section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act (CJPOA). The film will be published and used in school settings to raise awareness, stimulate discussion and strengthen trust and confidence in the police among children and young people.

5. Organisational developments

- 5.1 In April, the government reported on the outcomes of its three-year pledge to recruit 20,000 additional police officers nationwide by March 2023 as part of the Police Uplift Programme. on 26 April 2023. The report showed Nottinghamshire to have appointed 418 new officers over this period, significantly exceeding its Uplift target of 357. This has brought the force's officer headcount figure to 2,439 the highest in over a decade.
- 5.2 The force was able to exceed its recruitment expectations after reaching its target 12 months early and being granted temporary national funding for a further 50 officers within the current financial year. The recruitment has allowed the expansion of a number of teams, including Response, Neighbourhood Policing and Operation Reacher, as well as the creation of a new road crime team, among other benefits. This is enabling greater visibility of officers across all areas of the county and supporting ongoing improvements in services for the public
- 5.3 The Commissioner and Chief Constable welcomed Home Secretary, Suella Braverman to Nottinghamshire Police Headquarters on 12 May 2023. The Home Secretary received a tour of the force's facilities and an overview of significant local initiatives, such as the Safer Streets project, Night time A-Z of Consent campaign and the Violence Reduction Partnership's approach to offering speech and language therapy to people in custody through 'reachable moments'. Joining a classroom session with some of the force's newest recruits, the Home

Secretary said that she had seen some "excellent initiatives" that she hoped to learn more about and take back to the Home Office for other forces to replicate.

5.4 The Commissioner continues to play an active national role via the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC), which has included involvement in the Tackling Addiction and Substance Misuse Parliamentary / Ministerial Forum (2 May) and a PCC round table event on proposed changes to knife crime legislation (18 May). On 14 May, the Commissioner was voted joint National Victims lead on behalf of the APCC and will be working locally and nationally to further advance this portfolio.

6. Consultation and Engagement

- 6.1 The Commissioner provided funding for the Majority Black Led Churches (MBLC) in Nottingham to facilitate community conversations in order to gain a greater and deeper awareness of local community cultural experience and help strengthen trust and confidence in the police among Black communities. The Commissioner and over 35 senior Nottinghamshire Police Officers joined over 100 members of the Black community at events at God's Vineyard Ministries and Nottingham Trent University during March and April. Findings from the sessions and an accompanying survey will set out views on what needs to change to 'bridge the gap' between the police and black community.
- 6.2 The Commissioner attended Islamic Awareness Sessions facilitated by Green Academy Trust on 15 March and 23 May in addition to attending Community Iftars during Ramadan at Green Academy Trust (8 April) and Tipi Sultan (14 April). These events have enabled the Commissioner and her office to develop greater awareness and understanding of the experiences of Muslim community in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire,
- 6.3 The Commissioner hosted the first of her 'Online: Chat with Caroline' sessions for Parish Councillors and Clerks' on 22 March. The event involved conversations with Ashfield, Bassetlaw and Mansfield parishes. The next event will involve Newark and Sherwood parish councils and will held both online and in person at Castle House in Newark on Wednesday 5 July. A date for the South Notts CSP area is to be confirmed soon.
- 6.4 The Commissioner held a 'Walkabout Wednesday' event in Mansfield town centre on 22 March 2023, visiting the Hive community space and meeting representatives from Mansfield CVS, Mansfield Business Improvement District (BID) and the local neighbourhood policing team. A further walkabout was held on 12 April 2023 in Top Valley, Nottingham where the Commissioner visited a community benefitting from Safer Streets funding. The walkabout was joined by

Chief Inspector for Nottingham City, the local Neighbourhood Inspector, Sergeant, PCSO, Safer Streets project manager, Community Protection Officers and Resident Development Officers.

- 6.5 The Commissioner and her office continue to maintain an extensive schedule of engagement which has included:
 - POW Nottingham's Friday evening outreach (17 March)
 - Juno Women's Aid's Domestic Abuse event in Nottingham (21 March)
 - Jubilee House Police Station visit, Gedling Wednesday (29 March)
 - Rural Crime Continuous Personal Development Day, Linby (12 April)
 - Nottingham United Against Hate: Communities Inc (14 April)
 - Operation Star Ride-along Hayley Crawford and Mark Talbot (16 April)
 - Launch of the Serious Violence Duty (18 April)
 - Operation Reacher Ride-along Worksop (19 April)
 - Living Our Best Life Awards 2023 (21 April)
 - Nottinghamshire Police Awards (25 April)
 - West Notts College 'Question Time' (28 April)
 - Rural Community Showcase (29 April)
 - Night Time A-Z of Consent Tram Launch (12 May)
 - Nottinghamshire County Show (13 May)
 - Equation's Screening of 'Promising Young Woman' (18 May)
 - Emergency Services Day/National Police Dog Trials Wollaton Hall (20 May)
 - Men's Domestic Abuse Accreditation Event: Equation (26 May)
- 6.6 The OPCC continue to expand the physical and online reach of the Commissioner's monthly newsletter, which can now be found in all GP surgeries, front desk counters at Nottinghamshire Police Stations and Inspire Libraries across the city and county. To subscribe to the electronic version of the newsletter, please visit: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/ZXgx5NTkdB</u>
- 6.7 The OPCC are supporting Nottinghamshire Police in the development of a new Community Engagement strategy, led by the Chief Superintendent in charge of local policing. The strategy is underpinned by delivery groups which aim to strengthen the approach to local policing and build greater public trust and confidence in the police.

7. Finance, use of resources and value for money

2022/23 Budget Monitoring

- 7.1 The Commissioner approved a Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for 2022/23 in February 2022. This set out the overall budget for the PCC including the budget that is delegated to the Chief Constable.
- 7.2 The Commissioner's Accountability Board provides a formal mechanism for holding the Chief Constable to account for the budget that the Commissioner has delegated. At this meeting the Chief Constable submits both revenue and capital budget monitoring reports for scrutiny. The 2022/23 outturn reports as at the end of March 2023 were discussed at the May 2023 Accountability Board. A summary of the Group position is set out below.

Revenue

7.3 The Group budget £243.3m was split £236.4m Chief Constable and £6.9m OPCC. The table below shows the outturn by expenditure for the Chief Constable and an outturn by expenditure for the OPCC.

Spend Type	Base 2022-23 £'000	Virements £'000	Working Budget £'000	Actuals YTD £'000	Variance £'000	
Agency & Contract Services	16,621	425	17,046	16,180	(866)	
Capital Financing	5,517	0	5,517	5,484	(33)	
Comms & Computing	10,675	(258)	10,417	8,696	(1,722)	
Employee	159,785	942	160,727	164,737	4,010	
Income	(16,825)	(3,030)	(19,855)	(27,387)	(7,533)	
Pensions	37,786	288	38,074	38,128	53	
Premises	8,423	82	8,506	8,736	230	
Supplies & Services	10,468	1,261	11,730	12,930	1,201	
Transfer to Reserves	(445)	438	(7)	2,093	2,101	
Transport	4,425	(149)	4,276	4,307	31	
TOTAL:	236,431	0	236,431	233,903	(2,528)	

Chief Constable

OPCC

Spend Type	Base 2022-23 £'000	Virements £'000	Working Budget £'000	Actuals YTD £'000	Variance £'000
Agency & Contract Services	9,957	3,056	13,013	7,357	(5,655)
Capital Financing	0	80	80	80	0
Comms & Computing	12	6	18	169	150
Employee	1,156	161	1,317	3,925	2,607
Income	(4,925)	(3,519)	(8,445)	(8,033)	411
Pensions	167	25	192	192	(1)
Premises	6	0	6	32	26
Supplies & Services	564	188	752	532	(219)
Transfer to Reserves	0	0	0	402	402
Transport	13	3	16	34	18
TOTAL:	6,949	0	6,949	4,689	(2,260)

7.4 The table below shows the variances against the Chief Constable's budget, most of these were forecast as at Q3.

<u>Summary</u>	£'000
Payawards	3,100
Overtime	1,901
Capital Financing	1,076
Inflation	751
Insurance	724
Uplift	(2,400)
Staff Pay	(1,781)
In-Year Savings	(1,146)
Seconded Officers	(1,118)
Addnl Income Generation	(658)
Investment Interest	(931)
Stock	(1,246)
Op Safeguard	(236)
Other	(564)
	(2,528)

- 7.5 The OPCC underspent by £2.260m is split into £1.253m on the Office of the PCC/Democratic Core, £0.739m on Grants and Commissioning with the remaining balance arising from prior year accruals that never materialised in 2022/23.
- 7.6 The £1.253m on the Office/Democratic Core budget arose from staff appointments commencing part way through the year £0.300m, £0.265m on a partnerships budget that was not required and has since been reduced in the 2023/24 budget, and £0.500m for grants and commissioning to be allocated for specific work in addition to the core budget. This £0.500m will be carried forward to use on specific activity prioritised by the Commissioner and the budget will be reviewed in the budget setting process for 2024/25. In addition, there were smaller variances across multiple budget lines.
- 7.7 The £0.739m under spend on Grants and Commissioning was due to a combination of factors including under profiling because of the lack of capacity in the team, underspends on Make Notts Safe Grants, Safer Nottinghamshire Board, and City/County DA funding which was due to external funding being received late in the year, and actual allocations not being as high as anticipated. This demonstrates that the process to allocate grants and commission services is rigorous and does not always result in funding being fully allocated.

Capital

7.9 The capital budget was £12.587m, actuals at the end of 2022/23 are £6.616m, generating a variance of (£5.971m). This is broken down to (£0.583m) underspend and (£5.388m) which is requested to carry forward into 2023/24 and 2024/25. This equates to a spend against budget of 53%. The table below summarises the outturn position.

Capital Summary 2022/23 £'000

Department	Original Budget	Slippage from 2021/22	Addnl Approved Budget	Virements	Working Budget	YTD Actual Spend	Variance	Underspend	Slippage
Estates	3,568	2,779	915	0	7,262	4,364	(2,898)	83	2,815
Fleet	2,422	1,991	80	0	4,493	1,519	(2,974)	467	2,507
Information Technology	458	174	200	0	832	733	(99)	33	66
Operations	0	0	0	C	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	6,448	4,944	1,195	0	12,587	6,616	(5,971)	583	5,388

7.10 The Commissioner will be asked to approve a decision record to carry forward any budget needed in 2023/24 onwards, and to allocate specific funds to earmarked reserves.

8. National Developments

- 8.1 Baroness Casey published her independent review into the standards of behaviour and internal culture of the Metropolitan Police Service in March 2023. Whilst the report centres primarily on the Metropolitan Police culture, the report has provided an opportunity to strengthen local scrutiny and accountability arrangements, including vetting and misconduct, complaints handling, independent scrutiny arrangements, public perception and workforce representation.
- 8.2 The OPCC has also issued responses to a number of national consultations during this period, which have included:
 - Human Trafficking, Strengthening the Law Enforcement response to serious and organised crime, April 2023
 - Home Office consultation on the use of Community Scrutiny Panels, May 2023
 - Home Office Review of Community Safety Partnerships and Anti-Social Behaviour Powers, 22 May 2023
 - Home Office consultation on new knife legislation, 6 June 2023, for which the Commissioner engaged in a PCC round table event on 18 May 2023

9. Decisions

9.1 The Commissioner has the sole legal authority to make a decision as the result of a discussion or based on information provided to her by the public, partner organisations, Members of staff from the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (NOPCC) or Chief Constable. The Commissioner's web site provides details of all significant public interest decisions.⁴

^{4 &}lt;u>http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Public-Information/Decisions/Decisions.aspx</u>

9.2 Panel Members have previously requested that the Commissioner provide a list of all forthcoming decisions (Forward Plan) rather than those already made. This Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the OPCC and the Force has been updated and is shown at Appendix B.

10. Human Resources Implications

10.1 None - this is an information report.

11. Equality Implications

11.1 The Commissioner's decisions and strategic direction are fully compliant with the Equality Act 2020

12. Risk Management

12.1 There are no significant risks within this report that need to be drawn to the attention of the Police and Crime Panel.

13. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

13.1 This report provides Members with an update on performance in respect of the Make Notts Safe Plan and provides information on emerging policy and legislative developments.

14. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

- 14.1 The Commissioner undertakes routine horizon scanning of emerging legislation, government publications, audits and inspections and significant consultations, statistics and research findings in order to help inform local strategic planning and decision making.
- 14.2 Changes to the Specified Information Order came into force on 31 May 2021 requiring Police and Crime Commissioners to publish on their websites:
 - A statement on how their force is performing in relation to key national priorities for policing.
 - Copies of HMICFRS PEEL inspection reports, and a summary assessment of the force's performance; and

- Copies of IOPC data on force complaints, and a statement on how the PCC (or Mayor's Office) is exercising its complaints-handling functions under the Police Reform Act 2002.
- 14.3 The Commissioner has taken steps to ensure compliance with the amended legislation.

15. Details of outcome of consultation

15.1 The Chief Constable has been sent a copy of this report.

16. Appendices

- A. Make Notts Safe Delivery Plan 2022/23 May Update
- B. Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the OPCC and the Force May 2023

17. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)

Make Notts Safe Plan 2021 - 2025

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