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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 September 2022 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 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's purpose is to review, support and scrutinise the Commissioner's work 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 this purpose.

¹ 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 and Crime Delivery Plan 2022/23

- 3.1 The Commissioner's annual delivery programme shown at Appendix A outlines a range of specific actions and objectives planned for 2022/23 which underpin the strategic Make Notts Safe Plan. This section highlights progress made against the plan by the OPCC, police and partner agencies since November 2022.

Making our streets, villages, towns and city safer

- 3.2 Nottinghamshire's £3m Round 4 Safer Streets programme continues to drive improvements in in safety and feelings of safety across the four priority locations targeted. Monthly project boards and delivery groups continue to be held, with most situational crime prevention interventions (e.g., CCTV, ANPR) being installed and fully operational during quarter 4 of the financial year. A more detailed update will be provided to the Panel at the June 2023 meeting.
- 3.3 The PCC's Head of Communications is the lead for all media activity and attends all Project Board meetings liaising with local authority press officers. A Communications Plan has been developed to detail the work required and a partnership memorandum of understanding has been formulated to ensure good communication and working practices. The Commissioner has issued numerous media releases and media teams across local authority areas continue to publicise the project, with recent examples including the [Gedling Shopwatch Radio scheme](#), [National Award for PCSO's Safer Streets work](#), the [Ashfield Safe Space Accreditation Scheme](#), [Broxtowe Electric Bike for Police](#), [Broxtowe CCTV and other crime Prevention](#), [Ashfield CCTV Refuge Cameras](#), [Bassetlaw Safer Streets Wardens](#).
- 3.4 Over the past few months, key partners, including City Council and Business Improvement District, have been meeting to advance plans in response to the City's Night-Time Economy (NTE) Needs Assessment and optimise the impact of non-recurring revenue secured via the Late-Night Levy. The intention is to try and ensure the remainder of the funding is used for initiatives that are sustainable and have enduring impact.
- 3.5 It is currently proposed that funding be used to embed projects supported via the Safety of Women at Night (SWaN) fund in 2022, including the Safe Spaces pledge and the accreditation of 'Best Bar None' establishments, which will ensure a quality standardised response is able to be provided to vulnerable women and girls and individuals venues. Funding will also be used to expand training for NTE staff, with a view to ensuring that an active bystander model is promoted and that staff and other personnel at such

venues feel comfortable to call out and stand up against misogyny and violence against women and girls. Further to this, the group is currently exploring viability of expansion of the pledge and training into other venues that women and girls have reported feelings of unsafety in, for instance, hotels and gyms.

Steering vulnerable young people away from crime

- 3.6 Since September 2022, the Violence Reduction Unit have awarded two new contracts for the provision of interventions and training. A tender for the provision of therapeutic counselling has also been awarded to two organisations; the organisations will provide Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for children and young people impacted by violence and exploitation to support better outcomes around mental health.
- 3.7 In addition, the OPCC and VRU have appointed a provider to deliver accredited Youth Work training to the voluntary and community sector (VCS). The provider will support the implementation of the PCC and VRU Youth Work Strategy which seeks to ensure high quality youth provision for children and young people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. It will also provide an opportunity for VCS practitioners to have equity of access to workforce development. Both contracts are expected be in place until March 2025.
- 3.8 Other key commissioning updates include the progression of a tender exercise which will see the implementation of a detached youth work model which can be deployed to hotspot areas of the city. The model, which will include three mobile teams of youth workers, will be flexible in responding to changing demand and will operate throughout the year. The intervention will be aimed at children and young people who are at risk of being impacted by serious violence and or exploitation with robust pathways into support mechanisms. The specification for the intervention is currently out for consultation with stakeholders, including the voluntary and community sector. A market engagement event was held on 2nd November, with the tender exercise launching soon after.
- 3.9 Finally, the OPCC and VRU have also recently requested proposals from academic partners to provide independent evaluation of the sports diversion activities which the PCC commissioned through the Make Notts Safe funding round earlier this year. The evaluation will include a cost benefit analysis, a review of the processes for designing and implementing the interventions and a measure of impact on participants based on qualitative and quantitative data. The emphasis that the PCC has put on evaluation and evidence base enables a far better understanding of the impact delivered as a result of public spend, in addition it provides leverage for community providers in seeking sustainable funding in the future.

- 3.10 In terms of delivery and implementation, the OPCC and VRU continue to oversee a number of commissioned interventions, including outreach, youth diversion and therapeutic interventions across the City and County.
- 3.11 The Divert Plus Custody Intervention has now been live since April and is starting to demonstrate positive outcomes for participants. As of September, a personalised plan had been developed for 29 children and young people across the City and County, the majority of whom have been young males aged 15-17 years. A key part of the Divert Plus model has been enabling children and young people to access speech and language therapy (SLT); national and local research already highlights high number of those that offend have diagnosed or undiagnosed speech and language difficulties. 82% of young people referred to Youth Justice Services have difficulty understanding information and often lack the linguistic skills to understand what's happening as part of the judicial process. This programme is unique in providing SLT assessment and therapy
- 3.12 A range of case study examples have been compiled which demonstrate the impact that the Divert Plus projects having. This includes, for example, the support provided to a 17-year-old male arrested for knife and cannabis possession, bailed to court and accepted a referral onto the Divert Plus trial. Engagement with the individual, his immediate family and social care revealed that he had been a victim of knife crime earlier in the year, had stopped going to school and stopped going out, living in fear of those accused of stabbing him – who live on same street and are linked to gang involvement. Work is now ongoing with this vulnerable individual. He was sentenced to a five-month referral order for knife and cannabis possession and has been referred to Stronger People for mentoring. The police are managing the threats to him and his family
- 3.13 The VRU continue to work closely with partners in Youth Justice Services, the Police and Probation to co-produce the Focussed Deterrence intervention which is due to launch in March 2022. The intervention will work specifically with those children and young people who are known to be offending or are on the periphery of offending as part of a group dynamic. The intervention draws from an international evidence base, with the first intervention of its kind being implemented in Boston, Massachusetts in the 1990s. When delivered effectively the intervention is shown to have up to 33% impact on the reduction of serious violence.
- 3.14 During the last quarter the VRU have continued to progress a number of programmes and workstreams through countywide multi agency groups. The first Trauma Informed Strategy Implementation Group has taken place. This

has engaged representation from all partners and an initial subgroup has been formed to co-produce a suitable readiness assessment to support the role out of the Strategy across the partnership. This will provide a consistency to enable sharing of good practice and support evaluation.

- 3.15 The PCC and VRU are preparing for the commencement of the Serious Violence Duty legislated for as part of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act (PCSCA) 2022. This will introduce a new duty on public bodies to ensure specified authorities work together to share data and knowledge that allow them to target interventions to prevent and reduce serious violence.
- 3.16 Specified authorities include the police, integrated care board, local authorities, probation service providers, youth justice services and fire and rescue services for the local area. The Duty also requires the specified authorities to consult educational, prison and youth custody authorities for the area in the preparation of their strategy
- 3.17 The Home Office published final statutory guidance in December 2022 in advance of the commencement of the Duty on 31st January 2023. It is expected that specified authorities will spend the initial months after the 31 January determining their obligations and how the Duty will be delivered through a partnership forum. Following this, partnerships will have to prepare a Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) and an associated local strategy that will enable implementation of activities to reduce serious violence in their area. Strategies must be published by the 31st of January 2024.
- 3.18 Whilst not a specified authority, regulations conferring functions on PCCs have been made under section 14 of the PCSC Act, making provision for them to coordinate specified authorities in relation to the Duty. The provision includes:
- convening and chairing meetings;
 - requiring representatives of specified authorities to attend such meetings;
 - providing administrative and management support to the specified authority and monitoring delivery of activity by specified authorities; and,
 - reporting to the Home Office on a quarterly basis.
- 3.19 The Duty does not require the creation of new multi-agency structures where existing arrangements will facilitate fulfilment of the duty. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire is an area with an established VRU, and it was previously agreed that the Duty will be locally be governed and monitored through the Strategic Violence Reduction Board (SVRB). All specified authorities are represented on this Board.

3.20 PCCs will be allocated grant funding which will support Duty holders in meeting costs arising from the Duty funding allocations are as follows:

- 2022/23 labour costs: £25,863.99, non-labour costs: £15,312.34
- 2023/24 labour costs: £121,394.13, non-labour costs: £46,235.26
- 2024/25 labour costs: £115,562.56, non-labour costs: £23,450.10

3.21 Of note is that all partners have agreed that the VRU will be renamed as the Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) in view of the new Duty coming into effect. An event to mark this and the three-year anniversary of the VRU is being held at Trent Vineyard on 31st January 2023, to which key stakeholders have been invited.

Preventing violence against women and girls (VAWG)

3.22 The Commissioner was successful in securing a Home Office funding bid for just over £1m from the Children Affected by Domestic Abuse Fund. This funding will provide projects to better support children and young people affected by domestic abuse.

3.23 In July 2022, Nottinghamshire OPCC received confirmation of £1,702,948 additional Ministry of Justice funding for Domestic and Sexual Violence Support Services over the 2022/23 to 2024/25 period. This follows receipt of expressions of Interest from eligible local organisations and guidance from the Ministry of Justice received earlier in the year. A proportion of the new funding will be used to increase Nottinghamshire's Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) and Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) capacity, alongside further investment in local domestic and sexual abuse support services.

3.24 In addition to this, the Commissioner has also been awarded a further uplift in relation to the local commissioned sexual violence framework fund which amounts to £76,533 per annum for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 alongside a further uplift to core Ministry of Justice funding equating to £117,597 in 2022/23.

3.25 The advent of local authority statutory responsibilities to convene local domestic abuse partnerships has galvanised and raised the profile of domestic abuse and the need to provide a whole system response. However, the refined arrangements around domestic abuse, and the scale and complexity of it, has resulted in sexual violence and abuse becoming somewhat side-lined. Partners report that it is difficult to escalate and act upon system wide issues such as child sexual exploitation, harmful sexual

behaviour, and capacity pressures in adult services. Partners were unanimous in their view that there was a need for a strengthened sexual violence governance in Nottinghamshire, and this development work is being facilitated by the OPCC.

3.26 In addition to the partnership work on developing a VAWG strategy and the late night economy work referred to in paragraph 3.5, it is hoped that these multiple strands of work will also help to mitigate against rising popularity of misogynistic social influencers who are widely acknowledged to have stimulated damaging discourse and attitudes amongst younger people.

Reducing Reoffending

3.27 The OPCC chaired the Nottinghamshire Reducing Reoffending Board on 5 December 2022. The Board discussed interim findings from the Police and Crime Needs Assessment 2022 relating to perpetrators and offending and reviewed the latest reducing reoffending performance position.

3.28 Emerging issues included:

- a rise in the proportion of suspects that are aged 10 to 15 alongside an incremental increase in First Time Entrants (FTE) into the Youth Justice System (YJS) seen in both the City and County over recent months. This is being further explored by the Youth Justice Service Task & Finish Group.
- An increase in shoplifting offences in 12 months to September 2022 which is likely to be compounded by increasing financial hardship as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. Options will be explored to strengthen Nottinghamshire's retail diversion offer
- A rise in the proportion of suspects for which ethnicity details are not known or have not been captured. The Disproportionality steering group, chaired by Probation, will seek to improve understanding and response to this issue

3.29 The Reducing Reoffending Board also reviewed progress in transitioning to the new police Out of Court Disposals framework in 2023, the capacity constraints impacting on key delivery partners and received an update on the Your Choice Perpetrator Programme ahead of the findings of an evaluation of the pilot which will be published in due course.

3.30 On 14 December, the Commissioner convened her local Criminal Justice Partnership Board where a range of key stakeholders shared updates on critical risks relating to the court backlogs, capacity and resilience of the judiciary. Partners agreed a forward plan for the year ahead which will include a thematic focus on Violence Against Women and Girls, file quality,

children and young people in contact with the CJS, Out of Court Disposals and Severe Multiple Disadvantage and intersectionality.

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

3.31 In December 2022, the Commissioner undertook responsibility for the PCC Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) regional portfolio and will be working to develop consistent monitoring, oversight and scrutiny of:

- East Midlands Special Operations Unit (EMSOU) delivery of the Police Uplift Programme
- Fulfilment and contribution towards the Regional Organised Crime Unit (ROCU) 2030 vision and networking principles: 'Coherent, Consistent, connected'
- Reporting to and attending the APCC SOC Portfolio Meeting alongside National Police Chief Council SOC Portfolio Leads
- Monitoring delivery against recommendations set out in relevant HMICFRS Inspections

Improving outcomes for victims of crime and ASB

3.32 The Commissioner's Victim Support Services received an uplift of £117,000 Ministry of Justice funding to be spent in the current financial year. This uplift funding has been allocated out across PCC victim services as a one-off funding uplift to help with the financial pressures these services are currently facing both in terms of increased demand for service and associated increased costs as well as the ongoing cost of living increases.

3.33 The new Notts Victim CARE specification is being developed, working with two victims with lived experience. The new specification will include requirements to ensure that the recommendations from the Victims Needs Assessment are met. This will include a change in police referral processes, to ensure that vulnerable victims and those more likely to want to take up support are automatically referred into Notts Victim CARE unless they request otherwise. An invitation to tender for the Victim CARE service will be published in March 2023.

3.34 The PCC is working with HMPPS and East Midlands Probation Service – covering Nottingham City and Notts County to develop and potentially co-commission a new restorative justice service based on best evidence of what works. Market engagement was undertaken in January 2023 and an invitation to tender will be published in March 2023. Areas for improvement identified as part of the independent needs assessment included:

- Greater flexibility to scale support to victims up and down to meet changing need, including tailored support for specific crime types such as fraud
- A need for greater cultural responsiveness within services and better support for victims from minority ethnic communities. This included a need for a greater understanding of the different cultural experiences of victims and more consultation with victims from different communities
- Increased awareness of Victim CARE among victims and stakeholders
- Improvements in referral routes, including digital options for support - although many victims also stated that they had not needed support
- Consideration of an opt-out referral model to reduce the risk of victims in need of support 'slipping through the net' and address issues of timing among those that do not require help immediately.
- Reconsidering and potentially changing the Community Point model from 'broad and shallow' to 'narrow and deep'
- Greater consistency in the quality of support provided by the police, where positive and negative experiences were relatively evenly distributed. Negative perceptions were predominantly related to poor communication, a perceived lack of support and frustration that no action had been taken
- Opportunities to improve information sharing between key support services or improve access to police systems
- Exploring opportunities to broaden the Restorative Justice offer through co-commissioning, improved partnership working and education

Exposing Hidden Harm and Safeguarding Vulnerable People

3.35 The OPCC has continued to work with City and County partners to develop options for expanding the Slavery and Exploitation Risk Assessment Conference (SERAC) model. A revised model has been provisionally agreed which includes an uplift in caseworker capacity to drive improvements in the identification and response to slavery and exploitation across the county. Alongside this, the SERAC has introduced a new process for assessing and prioritising caseloads which is helping to ensure our finite resources are more effectively targeted. The SERAC has been identified as local model of good practice, having garnered interest from police forces nationally and internationally.

Supporting Communities to Make Notts Safe

3.36 The Commissioner has awarded two rounds of Make Notts Safe Community Chest funding in 2022/23, with a total of 16 grassroots and community-based organisations benefiting and a total of £61,253 being awarded. The Community Chest fund provides seed-corn funding of up to £5,000 for third sector organisations to help delivery against the PCCs priorities. All delivery

and spend associated with these Community Chest Grants must be undertaken by the end of the financial year. New Community Chest grants will be awarded in 2023/24.

3.37 The Commissioner has launched five Make Notts Safe Thematic Grants Rounds in 2022/23 as follows:

- Youth Diversion thematic grants were launched in January 2022 with seven organisations successfully receiving a share of £299,601 for Youth Diversion projects to be delivered between May 2022 and March 2025.
- Hidden Harm thematic grants were launched in January 2022 with eight organisations successfully receiving a share of £315,150 for Hidden Harm projects to be delivered between May 2022 and March 2025.
- Hate Crime thematic grants were launched in July 2022 with six organisations successfully receiving a share of £114,511 for Hate Crime projects to be delivered between December 2022 and March 2025.
- Communities thematic grants were launched in July 2022 with four organisations successfully receiving a share of £98,790 for local community projects to be delivered December 2022 and March 2025.
- Rural Crime thematic grants were launched in July 2022. No funding application were received at this time and therefore it is anticipated that this fund will be re-launched in January/February 2023.

3.38 The Commissioner is planning to launch the Make Notts Safe Innovation Fund in early 2023. This Innovation Fund will support third sector organisations to research, develop or pilot and evaluate a new initiative. This fund will only be used to support truly new and innovative projects ideas which aim to enable local delivery against PCC priorities

3.39 The Commissioner is continuing to build on the work of the Independent Community Scrutiny Panel (ICSP), having recruited two further members to join the panel in January. The ICSP will convene on the 7th of February to scrutinise hate crime cases and the force's practice in dealing with hate crime and non-crime hate incidences. The work schedule continues in Spring 2023 with ICSP members receiving a full induction on Stop and Search and Use of Force procedures to support their analysis of police Body Worn Video (BWV) footage and a subsequent scrutiny panel.

3.40 The ICSP will be involved in community consultation to capture the issues of greatest concern to communities that are affected by disproportionately in relation to policing and criminal justice. This will work in line with PCC's vision for transparency and the force's own race action plan which includes listening and engaging with the communities that they are serving.

4. Governance and accountability

- 4.1 The PCC continues to hold monthly Accountability Boards as part of her regular programme of oversight and scrutiny. This is helping to ensure a priority focus on the objectives of the Make Notts Safe Plan and ensure that Nottinghamshire Police continue to deliver efficient and effective services.
- 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 PCC convened Accountability Boards on 6 December 2022 and 10 January 2023, which included specific focus on priority themes including the Safer Streets programme, crime outcomes, tackling ASB, youth diversion, child criminal exploitation and county lines, hate crime, local 'watch' schemes, neighbourhood policing, policing the digital beat, public protection and Corporate Services.
- 4.4 The new Chief Constable, Kate Meynell, formally commenced her role in Nottinghamshire on 12 December 2022. The Chief Constable consulted on her key messages communications to the Force, which included setting out commitments to ensure public trust and confidence in the police by setting the highest of standards of integrity and by ensuring delivery against both the Race Action Plan and Violence Against Women and Girls framework.
- 4.5 Chief Constable Meynell has also developed a forward plan in which she will be engaging with officers, staff, members of our communities and partner agencies during her first 100 days in office to gather information regarding local challenges. This will be used to inform the setting of operational priorities designed to support and complement the Commissioner's strategic Make Notts Safe Plan.

5. Community engagement and consultation

- 5.1 The Commissioner attended the launch of the Nottinghamshire Youth Commission delivery programme for 2023/24 on 14 January 2023. 17 new members have been recruited to join the existing cohort, with a particular focus on underrepresented and marginalised groups such as looked-after children, care-leavers, young people from minority ethnic backgrounds, victims of crime and young people with personal experience of the criminal justice system.

- 5.2 The Youth Commission will be working to develop and embed a Youth Independent Advisory Group for Nottinghamshire which will meet regularly throughout the year to inform, support and shape the key priorities of the Police and PCC. Members of the Youth Commission will also undertake peer-led engagement with young people across Nottinghamshire to explore the issues affecting trust and confidence in the police, and feelings of safety among women and girls. This will seek to engage 1,800 young people across Nottinghamshire alongside peer-led education campaigns or further research to address confidence and trust between young people and the police.
- 5.3 The Commissioner and her office have continued to undertake a range of community engagement activity since November 2022. This has included:
- Mojatu Foundation's 'Festive Fiesta' (10 December)
 - Himmah Event and Nottingham Social Justice Awards (10 December)
 - Engagement with students at West Notts College (15 December)
 - The Centre Place charity in Worksop supporting young people (11 Jan)
- 5.4 The Chief Executive Officer, in place of the Commissioner who was unable to attend, was a guest speaker at the formal re-launch of 'The Nottingham Space' at National Justice Museum's 'Choices and Consequences' workshop. Separately, the Commissioner visited Radford Road Police Station to meet the Neighbourhood Policing Team there and to observe the morning briefing process.
- 5.5 The Commissioner held a Walkabout Wednesday event in Newark, Castle Ward on 30 November 2022, visiting the Safer Streets work being undertaken in the area and meeting representatives from Newark Pub Watch, Newark College, Newark Business Club, NSDC, a local councillor and the Newark Neighbourhood policing team. On 21 December 2022, the Commissioner and new Chief Constable Kate Meynell undertook a walkabout in Nottingham City Centre engaging with representatives from Nottingham Bid, Nottingham City Council, Neighbourhood Policing Teams and the High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire. The next scheduled Walkabouts are for 11 January (Worksop town centre), 7 February (Clifton, Nottingham) and TBC March (Mansfield).
- 5.6 The Commissioner and the OPCC have reviewed the 'Chat with Caroline' events and taken the decision to combine the programme with visits to local community groups, organisations and charities, including commissioned services and grant recipients. Following the Commissioner's Walkabout Wednesday on 11 January in Worksop, her first Chat with Caroline was arranged. Commissioner and OPCC staff visited 'The Centre Place' a charity

which covers Nottinghamshire offering support for young people. The Commissioner attended the 16-25 LGBT+ support group, listening to the young people who attend. The next Chat with Caroline visit will be to meet the team of volunteers who run Notts LGBT+ Network on Tuesday 7 February 2023. The opportunity for members of the public to request a conversation with the commissioner via contact with the Commissioner's office is still available through the OPCC website.

- 5.7 The Commissioners first monthly newsletter, Connect, was sent out to subscribers on 21 December. The OPCC has initially put an agreement in place for Inspire Libraries to distribute copies of Connect to their libraries across Nottinghamshire, in total 58. After this trial the OPCC will work towards getting agreements in place for the Newsletters to be distributed to other community venues in order to reach more people across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The January edition will be sent out on Tuesday 31 January 2023. To subscribe please visit the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZXgx5NTkdB>
- 5.8 Latest findings from the OPCC commissioned Police and Crime Survey were reported in December 2022 based on over 4,500 responses received from a representative sample of Nottinghamshire residents. Findings will be reported as part of the Quarter 3 Performance Update paper on 27 March.

6. Organisational Developments

- 6.1 The OPCC recently commissioned an independent audit of its data protection and information governance processes. This identified a number of areas for improvement in order to ensure compliance with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Work is now underway to establish a more robust information governance infrastructure and policy framework, alongside actions to ensure data protection is a standing agenda item on all OPCC team meetings. Mandatory organisational training for all OPCC staff was held on 18 January 2023.

7. Finance, use of resources and value for money

2022/23 Budget Monitoring and 2023/24 Budget Setting Process

- 7.1 The overall budget position was reviewed by the Commissioner and Chief Constable prior to the provisional grant settlement announcement in December. This information has been used to inform the Commissioner's precept proposal which has been presented as a stand alone paper.

8. National Developments

- 8.1 The Home Office has committed a further £36m Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Intervention Funding over the next two years to support PCCs in increasing the availability of domestic abuse perpetrator intervention schemes in their areas. This was published alongside seven standards which provide commissioners with the guidance they need to commission effective interventions with perpetrators, whilst also ensuring that victims' safety and welfare remains paramount. Nottinghamshire OPCC is in the process of compiling a bid for this funding.

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.³
- 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.

³ <http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Public-Information/Decisions/Decisions.aspx>

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 and will be publishing a statement on how the force is performing in relation to the national police outcomes framework when publishing her statutory Police and Crime Plan.

15. Details of outcome of consultation

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

16. Appendices

- A. Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Delivery Plan 2022/23
- B. Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the OPCC and the Force - November 2022

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

Make Notts Safe Plan 2021 - 2025

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