



Cambridgeshire
Police & Crime
Commissioner

To: Business Co-ordination Board

From: Chief Executive

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Developing a Police and Crime Plan for Cambridgeshire

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Business Co-ordination Board 'the Board' on the proposed approach and the timetable for the creation of the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan.

Recommendation

- 2.1 The Board is recommended to note this report and endorse the intended direction of travel.

3. Background

- 3.1 A Police and Crime Commissioner is required to issue a Police and Crime Plan as soon as practicable after taking office - specifically before the end of the financial year which they are elected (March 31, 2017). The plan must determine and direct and communicate the Commissioner's priorities during their period in office and set out for the period of issue:

- the Commissioner's **police and crime objectives** for the area
- the policing of the area which the Chief Constable is to provide
- the financial and other resources which the Commissioner is to provide the Chief Constable
- the means by which the Chief Constable will report to the Commissioner on the provision of policing
- the means by which the Chief Constable's performance in providing policing will be measured

- the services which the Commissioner is to provide or arrange to support crime and disorder reduction or help victims of witness of crime and anti-social behaviour (**crime and disorder reduction and victims' service grants**)
- any grants which the Commissioner is to make and the conditions if any of those grants.

3.3 In preparing the plan the Commissioner must 'have regard to the relevant priorities of each responsible authority' – the authorities have a duty to co-operate with the Commissioner for the purpose of formulating the plan. The Commissioner must also make arrangements to obtain the views of the community (including victims of crime) on policing and ensure an efficient and effective criminal justice system.

3.4 The plan must achieve value for money, ensure the Chief Constable fulfils their duties relating to equality and diversity and have regard: to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, the Strategic Policing Requirement and guidance or codes of practice issued by the Secretary of State.

4. Planning process of the Cambridgeshire plan

4.1 The statutory requirements for the plan's development can be grouped into three areas of work: a police led, partner-led and public-led evidence base.

- **Police-led evidence base** - This will be led by the Constabulary's strategic planning process. This looks at current and future demands, using a risk based approach, to inform prioritisation and resourcing decisions.
- **Partner-led evidence base** - This includes the relevant priorities of responsible authorities and the criminal justice bodies and the local proposals submitted to government for a devolution deal.
- **Public-led evidence base** - This includes the making arrangements to obtain the views of the community (including victims of crime) on policing.

5. Proposed timetable for the Cambridgeshire plan

5.1 Cambridgeshire's new Police and Crime Commissioner Jason Ablewhite 'The Commissioner' has committed to produce an overarching strategic three-year plan to tackle crime and disorder which takes into account the police, partner and public evidence bases.

5.2 In order to gather this evidence the Commissioner intends to start a three-month period of engagement and consultation. This will involve ongoing engagement and dialogue with the Chief Constable and wider members of the Constabulary. It will also include opportunities for partner agencies and stakeholders to share the current and emerging local priorities from their locality or area of business and their views on how the plan could enable them to reduce crime and disorder. A series of events will also be planned to enable local people to have their 'voice' reflected within the plan.

5.2 The Commissioner is also keen to engage with members of the Police and Crime Panel throughout the process and at the June panel meeting will be inviting their views on how to they want to facilitate this.

5.3 It is proposed that the draft plan will be taken to the Police and Crime Panel in September for formal comment.

6. Recommendation

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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