

## SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

### **Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner's Draft Police and Crime Plan for Surrey**

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

#### **Purpose of the Police & Crime Plan**

Police & Crime Plans are a statutory requirement for all police force areas introduced as part of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. Whilst every plan will be localised in nature, they will share a common aim in communicating a Commissioner's vision and objectives during his or her term of office. The plan is intended to set out a range of activities that will tackle crime and improve community safety in an efficient and effective way. It will impact upon a wide variety of stakeholders and has a number of different intended audiences including the public, victims of crime, Chief Officers of Police, the Secretary of State, private and voluntary sectors and partner agencies such as criminal justice and local authorities.

The Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner is required to issue a new Police & Crime Plan "as soon as practicable" after taking office, and before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. In doing so, he is obliged to prepare a draft in consultation with the Chief Constable and should also consult to obtain the views of local people, victims of crime and partner agencies such as community safety partnerships to inform his priorities.

The Police and Crime Panel must then review the draft plan and the Commissioner must have regard to and provide a response to any report or recommendations made by the Panel. He must also publish that response and the plan itself and send a copy of the plan to the Chief Constable.

The content, style and focus of the plan is a matter for the Commissioner. However, the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 identified a number of items that must be contained within every Plan, as follows:

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

- the crime and disorder reduction grants which the Commissioner is to make, and the conditions (if any) of those grants.

In addition, there are a number of statutory responsibilities that the Commissioner must consider when formulating the police and crime plan:

- Co-operate with responsible authorities in formulating and implementing local crime and disorder strategies and have regard to the relevant priorities of each responsible authority
- Make arrangements for engaging with local people
- Achieve value for money
- Co-operate with local criminal justice bodies to provide an efficient and effective criminal justice system for the police area
- Ensure that the Chief Constable fulfils her duties relating to equality and diversity
- Have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- Have regard to the Strategic Policing Requirement issued by the Secretary of State
- Have regard to any guidance or codes of practice issued by the Secretary of State

## **DRAFT POLICE AND CRIME PLAN**

The Commissioner has based the plan on the six priorities he set out in his manifesto. These have been tested during consultation and have received wide-ranging support and have now become the six “People’s Priorities” that form the basis of the plan. All of the above legislation and requirements have been considered in formulating the draft Police & Crime Plan.

The Commissioner has consulted with the Chief Constable and her team throughout. The Deputy Chief Constable has been the appointed lead for consulting on the plan and he has contributed to the plan at each stage of its development.

A programme of consultation has been carried out to inform the plan. This has been completed over extremely short time scales to meet requirements to consult on both the budget proposals and the plan. Consultation has included the following:

- Consultation with public and resident groups during the Commissioner’s election campaign
- Four consultation events held at Staines-upon-Thames, Dorking, Woking and Oxted. These events were open to the public and received good attendance with over 320 residents attending and press coverage of the events.
- A survey given out at the events and available on the Commissioner’s website for anyone to complete. A total of 296 questionnaires were completed (228 at the events and 68 online)

- Four focus groups and nine in-depth interviews were carried out by an independent researcher with victims, victim representative organisations and Surrey businesses to specifically obtain their views
- Meetings and discussions between the Commissioner and partners and resident groups since taking up office. This has included meetings with victim support agencies, County and local councils, Criminal Justice partners including Health, faith groups and other ethnic minority groups, the Independent Advisory Groups' representatives for Surrey Police, local businesses, police staff associations and Neighbourhood Watch.
- A statistically representative survey carried out of 605 residents prior to the Commissioner taking up office of public priorities for policing and crime in Surrey.

As well as involving partners at the events and in meetings, the plan has been developed with consideration of the Surrey Strategic Assessment, which highlights priority issues across Surrey and for each borough and district. It will also be circulated to key partners for their comment.

The plan has also been developed alongside the budget and consideration given to what is achievable with the police precept set and funding available for Crime and Disorder grants.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The draft Police and Crime Plan is attached for the Panel's consideration and comments.

The results of consultation undertaken are attached. Reports are attached showing results from the events held, victim and business focus groups and from the public priority survey carried out in September 2012.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Police and Crime Panel comment on the draft Police and Crime Plan for Surrey.

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