

SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2020-21

30 June 2020

INTRODUCTION

The PCC published a refreshed Police and Crime Plan in May 2018 for the period 2018 to 2020. This built on the previous plan issued in 2016. The refresh was informed by emerging crime trends, consultation, scrutiny of current force performance and meetings and visits with Surrey Police, public and partners. The Panel are required to provide comments to the PCC on any new plan or changes to an existing Police and Crime Plan.

Under statute, the plan was due to continue until a new plan was issued by the Police and Crime Commissioner after the May 2020 elections. However, with the election being postponed until May 2021, the Government passed legislation for current Police and Crime Plans to remain valid until after the May 2021 PCC elections.

The PCC has reviewed the 2018-2020 plan to see if it is still fit for purpose for a further year. Following this review he has decided that the plan and the six objectives set out in the plan should continue. The six objectives are as follows:

- Tackling crime and keeping people safe
- Building confident communities
- Supporting victims
- Preventing harm
- Making every pound count
- A Force fit for the future

The PCC has seen evidence for progress against most of the above objectives, as set out in the separate report to the Panel on Progress against the Police and Crime Plan. However, there are some areas for improvement and he has specifically asked the Chief Constable to focus on three areas over the next year in order to achieve the plan. These are as follows:

- **More Police Officers and Frontline Staff**– to have a continued focus on recruitment following increased Council Tax and Government Grant and to ensure there are more officers on the streets and in communities both rural and urban
- **Better Crime Prevention** – through providing dedicated neighbourhood officers to prevent local crime and through preventing fraud and cyber-crime
- **More crimes solved** – to improve the rate as currently too many criminals aren't being caught and held to account

The Chief Constable has supported these priority areas and has provided a report to the PCC on how these will be achieved, attached at Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Police and Crime Panel provides any comments on the PCCs extension of the current Police and Crime plan.

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