

SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL 24 NOVEMBER 2021

DRAFT POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2021-2025

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1 SUMMARY

This report introduces the draft Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025 for comment from the Police and Crime Panel.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Police and Crime Panel is asked to review and comment on the Draft Plan.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The PCC is required to consult the Panel on the draft Police and Crime Plan.

4 DETAIL

Purpose of the Police & Crime Plan

Police and 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, the Police and Crime Panel, private and voluntary sectors and partner agencies such as criminal justice and local authorities.

The Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is required to issue a new Police & Crime Plan "as soon as practicable" after taking office. Until a new plan is issued, the plan set by the previous PCC remains in place. The PCC 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 her 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. She must also publish that response and the plan itself and send a copy of the final 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 several items that must be contained within every Plan, as follows:

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- 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 grants which the Commissioner is to make

In addition, there are several statutory responsibilities that the Commissioner must consider when formulating the police and crime plan, including to:

- 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 their 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

All of the above requirements have been considered in formulating the draft Police & Crime Plan.

The PCC and Deputy PCC have carried out extensive consultation with partners and residents. A wide range of partners were consulted including councillors, Panel members, MPs, schools, police officers and staff across the organisation, community safety partners, health and wellbeing and safeguarding partners, rural communities and diverse groups.

The priorities for the Police and Crime Plan most identified by partners, in order of 'mentions', were:

- County Lines/ drugs
- Children and young people
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Tackling Violence Against Women/ Domestic Abuse

- Visibility/ local policing
- Police engagement with communities
- Reduced Killed/ Seriously injured and improved road safety

A full report on the results of stakeholder consultation has been provided to the Panel for their information. This is not made public as partners gave their views in confidence.

The PCC also carried out a survey with residents. The results of this survey were used to inform the priorities and content of the plan will be published on the PCC's website. The main priority areas identified by residents in the survey were:

- Catching offenders and bringing to justice
- Visible police presence
- Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour
- Tackling violence against women and girls
- Reducing burglary

A report on the public consultation results has also been provided to the Panel.

The Commissioner has consulted with the Chief Constable and his team throughout the development of the Plan. In addition, consideration was given to the intelligence and strategic analysis of crime problems in Surrey; partnership strategies; views of professionals in policing and the OPCC; national priorities; current performance; finances and financial outlook and the Force Management Statement.

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 wider community safety work.

The priorities set in the plan are:

- ***Preventing violence against women and girls in Surrey***
- ***Protecting people from harm in Surrey***
- ***Working with Surrey communities so that they feel safe***
- ***Strengthen relationships between Surrey Police and Surrey residents***
- ***Ensuring safer Surrey roads***

The Plan details the key actions to be taken by Surrey Police and the PCC's own office to achieve those aims. In addition, there is a section on resources for Surrey Police and the PCC and a section to cover other statutory requirements for a Police and Crime Plan.

Following the panel meeting and any comments made, the Plan will be published on the PCCs website and available in paper copy.

Monitoring Progress Against Police and Crime Plan

Along with the development of the Plan, the OPCC has been working with Surrey Police to develop the measures to monitor progress against the plan. The draft measures are attached at Appendix B. Once agreed by the PCC and Chief Constable these will be used to form the scorecard for the Force Service Board, for reporting to the public by the PCC during her accountability meetings with the Chief Constable and for reporting progress to the Panel.

5 ATTACHMENTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Attachments:

Appendix A Draft Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025

Appendix B Draft Monitoring of the Police and Crime Plan

Background Information:

The Panel has also asked for key background documents which were used to inform the plan. These have been provided for member information only outside the meeting. These are:

- Stakeholder Consultation Feedback Report
- Resident Survey Report
- Chief Constable's Commitments
- Surrey Police Force Management Statement
- Control Strategy
- OPCC Commissioning Strategy
- Surrey Community Safety Agreement
- Strategic Policing Requirement
- SCC Partnership Commitment

In addition, the performance scorecard and finance reports were considered – already received by members of the Panel.

An Equality Impact Assessment of the Plan has been undertaken. Once the Plan is finalised, this will be reviewed again and published.

Also considered was the Surrey and Sussex Strategic Assessment which looks at the intelligence picture and strategic crime threats. This could not be circulated to members due to containing sensitive information but is summarised in the Control Strategy.

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