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Dear Mr Lane,

## **Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report**

At the 12 March meeting, Members of the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel reviewed the draft of your Annual Report for 2020-21. Following their review of your draft report Members have raised the following recommendations for your consideration:

### *Keeping Residents and Communities Safer*

Members asked a number of questions during the meeting regarding how activities taken across the year had enabled our local residents and communities to be safer, including how the impact of the projects and services funded were being measured and assessed in delivering against this objective, as laid out within your Police and Crime Plan. Members welcomed the suggestion, made by the Chief Executive in response to questions at the meeting, that further detail of the measures of success be included within the final report.

It was further noted that the draft report includes a number of "In focus" examples demonstrating the impact of the funding allocated, which had been suggested by the Panel when reviewing previous years reports.

During the meeting Members heard that the OPCC was acting as an enabler to expand the number of Third Party Reporting Centres, which allow residents to access a safe environment to report concerns relating to Hate Crime. Members questioned the geographical spread of these centres pan-Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and would encourage the Commissioner and his team to work with partners to expand the number of organisations offering these services, particularly where gaps in provision can be identified.

### *Commissioning*

Whilst observing that engagement with Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) during grants funding rounds had improved, some Members expressed concerns at how successfully CSPs, in some areas, had been able to influence decisions made to ensure projects funded would support local needs.

The draft report highlights that over £570,000 of additional funding was secured to support victims of Domestic Abuse. Concerns were raised over whether this was sufficient to meet increased demand from the pandemic, with assurances received regarding the evidence-based approach taken to target this funding to where it is most needed, whilst also recognising that the funding would not be sufficient to do all that could be done. The Panel would encourage an ongoing partnership approach in this area and recommend that details of the outcomes of projects commissioned through this additional funding are reported back to the Panel in due course.

Members also observed the success of the Cyber Ambassador Scheme during the last year, including maintaining engagement with a network of 1,200 cyber ambassadors and enlisting a further 40 schools and educational settings. Members were interested to learn of the innovative approaches taken by the Ambassador Scheme Coordinators to share safety messages through social media with young people, not only from within the policing area but in a way which was accessible to young people nationwide.

We look forward to receiving, in due course, your response to the recommendations outlined above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Stewart', written in a cursive style.

**Cllr David Stewart**

Chairman, Hampshire Police and Crime Panel