

HAMPSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Police and Crime Commissioner's draft 'More Police, Safer Streets' Police and Crime Plan, covering the period 2021-2024.

Recommendation(s)

2. **That the Panel reviews the draft 'More Police, Safer Streets' Police and Crime Plan and makes such a report and recommendations upon it as the Panel considers appropriate.**

Executive Summary

3. Following the election of Donna Jones as Police and Crime Commissioner in May 2021, the Commissioner has drafted her first Police and Crime Plan (Appendix One), covering the period 2021 - 2024. The Plan sets out the strategic intent of the Commissioner and the strategic direction for policing and crime reduction in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.
4. The Commissioner's 'More Police, Safer Streets' Police and Crime Plan has been written in plain language and is clear and concise. It will be available as a printed plan and as a microsite, interspersed with video to make it interactive and to explain each of the priorities. The style, and availability in printed form and online, makes it the most accessible Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Plan to-date.
5. In total, there were 7,336 responses and engagements with the Plan consultation, with 4,641 online survey responses. All nine priorities gained significant support from those who responded to the consultation, with the top five being 600 more police officers, improving police visibility, tackling ASB, preventing youth offending and zero tolerance to knife crime.

6. This report introduces the draft 'More, Police, Safer Streets' Police and Crime Plan, summarises the relevant statutory framework, and outlines the approach taken during its preparation. The Panel is invited to review the draft Police and Crime Plan and make such a report and recommendations upon it as the Panel considers appropriate.

Legislative Requirements

7. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the Commissioner for a policing area to issue a Police and Crime Plan to guide policing and crime reduction activities in their area over their term in office.
8. With regard to content, the Police and Crime Plan should set out the following for the period of issue:
 - The Commissioner's police and crime objectives
 - The financial and other resources which the Commissioner is to provide to 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 promote crime and disorder reduction or help victims or witnesses of crime and anti-social behaviour, including any grants and the conditions (if any) on which those grants are to be made.
9. With regard to process, the position is as follows:
 - The Commissioner must issue a Police and Crime Plan as soon as practicable after taking office, and within the financial year in which the election is held (i.e. by 31 March 2022 at the latest)
 - Before issuing a Police and Crime Plan, the views of local people, including victims of crime, must be sought
 - The views of the Chief Constable must be sought in preparing the draft Plan
 - Regard must be had to the Strategic Policing Requirement issued by the Secretary of State
 - Regard must be had to the strategic priorities of responsible authorities in relation to crime and disorder functions
 - Regard must be had to any guidance on police and crime plans issued by the Secretary of State
 - The Plan must be sent in draft to the Police and Crime Panel to review and to make a report or recommendations upon it. The Panel must be given a reasonable amount of time to do this. The Commissioner must have regard to any report or recommendations made by the Panel,

provide a response to the Panel and publish that response in a manner determined by the Commissioner

- Following issue of the Police and Crime Plan, it must be published in a manner determined by the Commissioner, and a copy sent to the Chief Constable and responsible authorities for crime and disorder purposes.

Consultation and Process

10. As part of the pre-election campaign activity, Donna Jones undertook a Crime Survey during August and September 2020 to consult with the public and to identify policing priorities. Nearly three thousand responses were received which shaped the priorities used in her campaign.
11. Building on this strong evidence, and after being elected, the Commissioner launched another round of consultation from 20 August to 14 October 2021 to further test these priorities and to help to shape the wider Police and Crime Plan.
12. Hampshire Constabulary was involved in the early stages of shaping the Police and Crime Plan, with the OPCC and Hampshire Constabulary Senior Liaison Officer consulting with key officers within the force. The first full draft of the Police and Crime Plan was shared with the Chief Constable and Hampshire Constabulary on 13 August 2021 for their feedback before going out for wider public and partner consultation. The Chief Constable and her senior officers' comments on the full draft Plan were considered and taken on board before the wider consultation.
13. On 13 August 2021, a full draft of the Plan was also emailed to Cllr Simon Bound, Chair of the Police and Crime Panel, and on 18 and 20 August the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner presented the Plan to Panel members to allow feedback ahead of wider public and partner consultation.
14. Wider external consultation with the public and partners began on 20 August 2021. To ensure strong representation from communities and partners across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the consultation took several approaches and included: focus groups, written feedback, online survey responses and a survey undertaken by YouGov to ensure demographic representation from across our 14 districts.
15. During the 8-week consultation, there was extensive promotion, which included: the full plan featured on the OPCC website; letters to stakeholders, partners and community contacts with a link to the full plan; three news releases, an article in Rural Times and two messages on Hants and IOW Alerts achieving a reach of 941,535; social media posts throughout and Facebook advertising gaining a reach of 91,790, and promotion in the PCC's monthly newsletter.

16. In total, there were 7,336 responses and engagements with the Plan consultation, with 4,641 online survey responses. To get more in-depth feedback, 7 focus groups were held over 5 days with a total of 40 participants taking part. These focus groups included: partners and practitioners, Violence Reduction Unit leads, Community Safety Partner leads, Black and minority ethnic community group representatives, members of the OPCC consultation and focus group panel, members of the Youth Commission and representatives from the OPCC Older Persons Reference Panel.
17. All nine priorities outlined in the Commissioner's Plan gained significant support from those who responded to the consultation, with the top five being 600 more police officers, improving police visibility, tackling ASB, preventing youth offending and zero tolerance on knife crime.
18. The detailed consultation results were compiled into a report and presented to the Commissioner to ensure that views and feedback were reviewed, and for the Commissioner to determine any changes or further developments on the Plan.

Police and Crime Plan Priorities	Yes: Agree with priority
600 more police officers by 2023	89.32%
Improved police visibility	92.23%
Tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB)	94.91%
More customer focused police call-handling	67.67%
Preventing youth offending	89.32%
Zero tolerance approach on knife crime	93.03%
Improved outcomes for victims including female victims of violence	85.46%
Crack down on unauthorised encampments	76.83%
A voice for rural communities	70.81%

19. Following early feedback from the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Panel members, some initial changes were made to the Plan before it was shared for wider consultation. Following a review of the feedback from the public and partner consultation, the Commissioner made some amendments to the draft Plan, including: changing two priority titles to make them clearer; adding clarity in areas highlighted; making the document more concise; and updating some terminology.

20. Subject to consideration of the Panel's report and recommendations on the draft Plan, it is intended to share the Plan with stakeholders and the public from 16 November 2021, with printed copies of the Plan being distributed from December 2021.

Delivering the Police and Crime Plan

21. The Police and Crime Plan is a high-level strategy setting out the Commissioner's priorities for policing and crime reduction in the Hampshire policing area over the period to 2024. It is recognised that needs and circumstances are likely to evolve over this period due to changes and developments in, for example, the economy, finance, resources, technology and the nature and extent of threats to public safety. To support delivery of the Police and Crime Plan, a flexible Implementation Plan will be developed to enable the Commissioner and her team to respond to socio-political, legislative and other changes in the operating environment.

REQUIRED LEGAL INFORMATION:

Significant Links

Links to previous decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u> Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (legislation.gov.uk)	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents	
<p>The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Consultation responses	PCC Office files