

Suffolk Police and Crime Panel meeting held on Friday 7 October 2016

Panel Report on: **Draft Police and Crime Plan for Suffolk 2017-2021**

The Panel has a statutory duty to review the PCC's police and crime plan. The legislation requires the PCC to issue a Plan within the financial year in which the election is held (ie. by March 2017).

The Panel reviewed the PCC's draft plan for 2017-2021 at its [meeting on 7 October 2016](#), in Ipswich. Eleven of the Thirteen Panel members were present, including two substitute members.

The papers published for the meeting included suggestions raised previously by the Panel in anticipation of the Plan; the Panel also took account of a statement made at the meeting by a member of the public. Panel members made comments and asked questions of the PCC in relation to:

- Communication: (i) The Constabulary 'listening' to communities and, (ii) Responses from the police back to the victims of crime.
- The ATHENA system; ensuring that data is accurate and complete.
- Road safety and speeding enforcement.
- The need for the Constabulary to more proactively address perceptions and anecdotal evidence, eg. regarding unreported hate crime.
- Constabulary action plans to address concerns raised by its volunteers, eg. Neighbourhood Watch and Community Speedwatch.
- Reflecting 'Prevention' in the Action Points in the Plan, noting the PCC's ring-fencing of £700k for grants, and the need to pool public sector resources.

The Panel **recommended** to the PCC that there should be something specific in the Plan, and the performance monitoring framework, that holds the Chief Constable to account for the communication 'listening' process, and for responding to victims of crime. There needs to be a clear Action Point in the Plan that requires the Constabulary to be 'listening' not only to their own data but also to communities, and to address any discrepancies.

With regard to the draft performance monitoring framework in the PCC's Plan, the Panel also **recommended** to the PCC that further attention be given, with clear action points to ensure accountability and the means to measure outcomes, in relation to:

- Clarity regarding specific numbers, eg. staffing levels
- Cybercrime performance
- Information fed in from businesses
- Prevention
- Armed response capability
- Recruitment and part-time workers
- Improving data-sharing across sectors
- Influencing the Suffolk Public Sector Leaders Group and pooling money/resources across organisations, eg. for joint action on domestic abuse

This Report is [published](#) as the Panel's formal report on the PCC's draft Plan.

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