

Suffolk Police and Crime Panel meeting held on Friday 19 July 2019

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

1. Section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ('The Act') specifies that, before issuing or varying a Police and Crime Plan, the PCC must present the draft plan (or variations) to the relevant Police and Crime Panel and have due regard to any report or recommendations made by the Panel in relation to that draft Plan.
2. The Panel reviewed the PCC's draft variations to the Plan for 2017-2021 at its meeting on 19 July 2019, in Lowestoft. Eleven of the thirteen Panel members were present, including one substitute member.
3. The papers published for the meeting included a covering report from the PCC detailing the rationale for the variations being brought. These included the need to reflect key changes in government policy (specifically around the serious violence agenda), the need to bring the commissioning and precept information up to date, and the need to reflect recent developments. The PCC advised that there were no changes to the four objectives set out in the original Plan, but that the narrative supporting the objectives had been strengthened to reflect the current policing priorities and focus.
4. Panel members made comments and asked questions of the PCC in relation to the variations in the Plan and the associated Action Plan, covering:
 - the total commissioning budget, seeking clarification of the financial figures as detailed in the Plan;
 - Objective 3, specifically around the increase in serious violence, knife crime, gang activity and 'County Lines', and the level of national funding;
 - the PCC's role in working in partnership with other agencies and engaging with the public;
 - Call handling, particularly relating to '101' calls and performance;
 - Road safety.
5. The Panel were content with the draft variations to the Plan, noting that a new Police and Crime Plan for the period 2021-2025 will be issued within the financial year of the next PCC election (2020/21).

This Report is published as the Panel's formal report on the draft variations to the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021.

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