



## Suffolk Police and Crime Panel Panel Report on the PCC's Annual Report 2018-19

On 4 October 2019 the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel considered the Annual Report of the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner for 2018-19.

Eleven of the thirteen members of the Panel were present, including one substitute member. The PCC was accompanied by the Head of Policy and Performance and Head of Communications and Engagement from the Office of the PCC (OPCC). The [agenda and papers](#) are available on the County Council's website.

The PCC introduced his report which set out a review of activities undertaken in 2018-19 including the commissioning of services to support victims of crime, details of the precept plan for 2019-20 and PCC's budget, and a section looking forward.

The PCC said he would like to see a three-year settlement as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review to enable better long-term planning and advised that he would continue to push the case for this.

In terms of the OPCC budget, the PCC highlighted that Suffolk OPCC cost less than its predecessor, the Police Authority. In response to a Panel member's question it was pointed out that a further breakdown of how the budget is spent is available on the PCC's [website](#).

The Panel commended the PCC on the extensive engagement and consultation he undertakes as detailed within the Plan. The Panel deemed communication with the public as being vitally important.

Although the Report states that further investment had improved the '101' non-emergency call handling system, the PCC **agreed** that further work was needed to improve call-answering time and police response to some calls. The PCC **agreed** that, although this is regularly reviewed at his Accountability and Performance Panel (APP) with the Chief Constable, there would be a specific focus on this area at a future meeting.

The Panel welcomed the news that the OPCC had, once again, been awarded a prestigious national award for openness and transparency. It received the 'Quality Mark for Transparency' from a national organisation which monitors police governance.

The Panel concluded that the PCC's Annual Report was very well put together and commented that the information was presented in a way which was easy to digest and highlighted the range of work taking place in Suffolk to meet the objectives set out in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.

## **The Decision of the Panel**

The Panel:

- 1) commended the PCC's Annual Report for 2018-19;
- 2) agreed that the Panel Chairman would make a formal report, on behalf of the Panel.

A copy of this report of the Panel will be put on the County Council's [website](#).

Councillor Patricia O'Brien  
Chairman of the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel

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