

Suffolk Police and Crime Panel Outcomes of Consideration of the PCC's Annual Report 2017-18

On 5 October 2018 the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel considered the Annual Report of the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner for 2017-18.

Twelve of the thirteen members of the Panel were present, including two substitute members. The PCC was accompanied by his Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Communications Manager. The [agenda and papers](#) are available on the County Council's website.

At Agenda Item 8, the Panel reviewed the PCC's Annual Report for the Financial Year 2017/18.

The PCC introduced his report and explained to the Panel that the report was in a similar format to last year, setting out a review of activities for 2017/18 and also including a section looking forward.

The PCC highlighted some of the work he was particularly proud of in 2017/18, including the launch of the £100k Stay Safe On-Line campaign, which had led to funding for a range of projects aimed at keeping children and young people safe from digital threats and initiatives he had commissioned to support victims of domestic abuse and sexual offences across Suffolk.

The PCC highlighted extensive collaborative work taking place, which had been recognised nationally, and had resulted in significant financial efficiencies. This included ongoing work with Norfolk Constabulary to share back office functions such as HR, Finance and IT and with the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service on shared stations.

In respect of work going forward, the Panel noted that next year was likely to be even more challenging than last year, largely because the Constabulary was already at full stretch with the highest caseload per officer in the country, set against one of the lowest Home Office budget allocations in the country.

The Panel concluded that the PCC's Annual Report was well put together and commented that the information was presented in a way which was easy to digest and useful in highlighting the range work taking place in Suffolk to meet the objectives set out in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan. The Panel noted that, in order to keep costs to a minimum, limited printed copies would be produced, but some printed copies would be made available at the PCC's public engagement events. The main circulation of the report would be done electronically and the report would appear on the PCC's website. The Panel urged the PCC to ensure that the report was also sent electronically to all Clerks of Parish Councils in Suffolk and supported the use of social media to help raise public awareness more widely.

The Decision of the Panel

The Panel:

- 1) commended the PCC's Annual Report for 2017-18;
- 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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