



Suffolk Police and Crime Panel Panel Report on the PCC's Annual Report 2019-20

On 9 October 2020, the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel considered the Annual Report of the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner for 2019-20.

The meeting was held remotely on Microsoft Teams. Twelve of the thirteen members of the Panel were present. The PCC was accompanied by the Head of Governance and Commissioning and the Head of Communications and Engagement from the Office of the PCC (OPCC). The [agenda and papers](#) from the meeting are available on the County Council's website.

The PCC introduced his Report which reviewed the activities undertaken in 2019-20 including the PCC's commissioning of services to support victims of crime, grant awards, details of the precept spending for 2019-20 and PCC's budget, and sections on collaboration, volunteers and a look forward.

The Panel commented on the deterioration reported in a number of performance measures detailed within the Report and noted the PCC's response regarding national changes in crime recording which make like for like comparison difficult. The PCC commented on the improvement in the number of arrests but acknowledged that the rates of convictions and detections were not as high as he would have liked. However, this should be viewed in the context of the resources available, the comparatively lower funding position, and the extra demands being placed on the police service. The PCC acknowledged that there was further work to do around Domestic Abuse, Serious Sexual Offences, and detection rates.

In response to the Panel seeking confirmation that the Chief Officers' Remuneration was comparative with other similar areas, the PCC confirmed that this was the case and that remuneration was both appropriate for the size of the Constabulary and set in accordance with the national regulations and formula.

The Panel sought confirmation that the 54 additional officers added to the establishment as a result of the national uplift programme would be operational by March 2021. The PCC confirmed that this was on target. The Panel agreed to receive a further update at its meeting in January 2021.

The Panel questioned what the PCC was doing to support the County Council's aim to be the "greenest county" and whether the PCC has plans for his office and the Constabulary to achieve a "carbon zero" position. The PCC advised that work was ongoing to reduce the carbon footprint and agreed to bring an update to the Panel at its meeting in March 2021.

The Panel reviewed the Annual Report and commended the PCC on the range of work taking place across Suffolk to meet the objectives set out in his PCC's Police and Crime Plan.

The Decision of the Panel

The Panel:

- 1) commended the PCC's Annual Report for 2019-20;
- 2) agreed that the Panel would receive a further update on the 'uplift' programme at its meeting in January 2021;
- 3) agreed that the Panel would receive an update report from the PCC on the work to reduce the carbon footprint of the OPCC and the Constabulary;
- 4) agreed that the Panel Chairman would make a formal report, on behalf of the Panel and;
- 5) agreed that a copy of this report of the Panel will be put on the County Council's [website](#).

Councillor Mark Jepson

Chairman of the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel

9 October 2020