



HUMBERSIDE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HUMBERSIDE'S DRAFT POLICE AND CRIME PLAN – APRIL 2017 TO MARCH 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Police and Crime Plans are a statutory requirement for all police force areas introduced as part of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The Plan is both a core planning tool for Police and Crime Commissioners and an important mechanism for communicating their intentions to the public, Police, partners, Police and Crime Panel and other stakeholders.

While the style and focus of each plan is a matter for the elected commissioner, the Act identifies a number of things that must be contained somewhere within it.

The Police and Crime Plan should determine, direct and communicate the commissioner's priorities during their period in office and must set out for the period of issue:-

- the commissioner's police and crime objectives for the area;
- the policing of the police area which the chief officer of police is to provide;
- the financial and other resources which the commissioner is to provide to the chief officer of police;
- the means by which the chief officer of police will report to the commissioner on the chief officer's provision of policing;
- the means by which the chief officer of police's performance in providing policing will be measured; and
- the crime and disorder reduction grants which the commissioner is to make, and the conditions (if any) of those grants.

The commissioner is required to issue a new Police and Crime Plan as soon as practicable after taking office and in doing so, should prepare a draft in consultation with the Chief Constable. The draft plan should then be sent to the Police and Crime Panel, allowing a reasonable amount of time for it to be considered. The commissioner must have regard and provide a response to any report or recommendations made by the panel. The commissioner must also publish that response and the plan itself, and send a copy of the plan (or variation) to the chief constable.

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with section 28(3) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Panel must review any changes to the Police and Crime Plan and make a report to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

The PCC must consider the Panel's report prior to publication of the Plan.

On 10 January 2017, the Humberside Police and Crime Panel considered the draft plan for April 2017 to March 2021.

The PCC attended the meeting and presented his Plan to the Panel.

PANEL OBSERVATIONS

The Panel was heartened with the content of the Police and Crime Plan.

Members were greatly reassured that the Plan had been produced solely by the Commissioner, reflecting his vision for the Humber area. They also applaud the outcome based approach used to produce and manage the Police and Crime Plan.

The Panel believe that the three key aims provide a long term perspective and a stable and consistent view of what the PCC wants to achieve for the public of Humberside.

It is the Panel's view that the plan will appeal to the Police, partners, victims and the public.

Members support the views of the PCC in the Plan that crime and disorder issues will not be solved by looking at the police service in isolation – it is part of a wider system and other services (private, public or voluntary) will contribute to the long term desired outcomes and the efficiency and effectiveness of the police service.

Although referred to only briefly in the report, the Panel is firmly of the belief that all agencies must work together to help restore public confidence in Humberside Police.

The Panel believes that the aims could be reworded to allow them to be clearly understood by the public. However, members understood that the Plan is currently being reviewed by a professional publications company and that the language may well be amended to be more reader friendly.

PANEL DECISION

The Police and Crime Plan is an important document that will set out the criteria by which the Panel will hold the PCC to account in the coming year or longer and is a strong basis from which the Panel will continue to challenge and scrutinise the PCC and his work

The Panel is satisfied that the Police and Crime Plan can now be published and communicated, subject to the following –

Recommendation 1

The Panel notes that the Plan does contain the financial and other resources which the commissioner is to provide to the chief officer of police, albeit only stated in appendix 3. However, the Panel believes that a precis of this information could be incorporated into the main body of the Plan.

Recommendation 2

Members acknowledge that the Plan requires the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Humberside Police to produce annual delivery plans in order to measure operational response. In order that the Panel can hold the Commissioner to account for the performance of the Plan, they respectfully request that, upon completion, they receive the OPCC and Humberside Police annual delivery plans.

Recommendation 3

Whilst the Panel wholeheartedly supports aim 2, including the deliverables/outputs, members are of the opinion that an additional deliverable/output should be included to help restore public confidence in Humberside Police.

In conclusion, and subject to the above comments, the Panel is satisfied that the Police and Crime Plan is reflective of the current priorities across Humberside and that it will support the continuation of the existing work being undertaken by Humberside Police and partner organisations to reduce crime and improve community safety.

The Panel hopes that you will carefully consider its recommendations and feedback and recognise our intent to be supportive of your work. The Panel was very pleased with the positive nature of the discussion on 10 January 2017 and appreciated your response to Panel members questions. The Panel looks forward to your response to this report and receipt of the final version of the Police and Crime Plan.