



PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 9 November 2021

REPORT TITLE:	POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2021-2025
REPORT OF:	MERSEYSIDE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to provide the Partnerships Committee with the final version of the Police and Crime Plan 2021-25.

The existing Police and Crime Plan for Merseyside, issued by the previous PCC, was published in 2017 and expires on 31st March 2022. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 places a statutory duty on the PCC to publish a Police and Crime Plan as soon as practicable within the financial year in which the election is held.

The Plan outlines the strategic direction for the PCC's term in office and provides a means by which the Chief Constable can be held to account by the PCC. The PCC may vary an existing plan or issue a new one at any time during their period in office and has a duty to keep the plan under review.

This is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATION

The Partnerships Committee is recommended to note the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To enable the Partnerships Committee to undertake its statutory duty under the Police and Justice Act 2006 to review or scrutinise any decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Not to consult the Partnerships Committee on the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025, however it is good practice to engage with local elected members to enable effective scrutiny to be undertaken.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 In developing this Police and Crime Plan, the PCC has followed the guidance produced by the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners' Chief Executives (APACE), in consultation with the Association Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC), the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), the Local Government Association (LGA), the Ministry of Justice and the Home Office colleagues and partners.
- 3.1 This guidance was revised and updated in 2021 to take account of:-
- good practice and lessons learned by PCCs and their offices since 2012;
 - new legislation, most notably the introduction of the Policing and Crime Act 2017;
 - the changing police, crime and community safety and criminal justice landscape;
 - new duties, responsibilities and opportunities for PCCs over the coming term.
- 3.2 At a previous meeting of the Police and Crime Panel, held on 8th July 2021, Panel members were provided with a report and a presentation setting out how the PCC proposed to develop a Police and Crime Plan for 2021-2025. Panel members were invited to provide their views on this proposal and whether they were satisfied with the PCC's consultation.
- 3.3 During a six-week consultation period, the PCC consulted with a wide cross section of Merseyside's communities – including more than 1,200 members of the public, partners, stakeholders, including the Chief Constable, and other organisations through an online survey, virtual meetings, focus groups and public meetings.
- 3.4 This intensive consultation period built on the wide consultation undertaken during the PCC's election campaign and provides the foundation for the priorities which are set out in this Police and Crime Plan.
- 3.5 In line with PCC statutory duties outlined in Chapter 3, Section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the PCC has sought Panel members'

views on the proposed new plan out of committee. The Panel were invited to offer comments on the draft plan via email on Friday 17th September 2021 and asked to formally respond to the PCC by Monday 4th October 2021. This enabled the PCC to give due regard to any such comments before issuing the final plan at this Police and Crime Panel meeting.

3.6 Feedback on the draft plan was also sought from the Chief Constable.

3.7 Comments received were considered and where appropriate modifications have been made to the draft plan. This has resulted in the version now presented to the Panel.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This report is for information therefore there are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Partnerships Committee is charged under the Police and Justice Act 2006 to review or scrutinise any decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 This report is for information therefore there are no direct resource implications associated with this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 None as a result of this report. Risk registers are produced to cover this activity and appropriate mitigations have been taken against any relevant risks.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 The Chief Constable was consulted on the draft Police and Crime Plan.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity.

9.2 This report is for information therefore there are no direct equality implications associated with this report.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 This report is for information therefore there are no direct environment and climate implications associated with this report.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 The Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025 upholds the principles of Community Wealth and Social Value through support for community development.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025
Appendix 2 – PCC's Medium Term Financial Strategy

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Police and Crime Act 2006
Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date