

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL

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## **Purpose of Report**

1. To present to the Police and Crime Panel an outline of the process for the production of the Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 2017 and to introduce the Plan that is to be published by 31 March 2013. A copy of the Plan, (Appendix A to this report) will follow.

## **Recommendation**

2. It is recommended that the Police and Crime Panel notes this report as background to their consideration of the Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 2017.

## **Background**

3. Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the responsibility for determining the contents of a strategic plan lies with the elected police and crime commissioner (PCC). As an elected individual the PCC is empowered, on behalf of the public, with setting the strategic objectives and these must cover the whole of the period of their office through to the end of the financial year in which the next election takes place, hence the period 2013 – 2017.
4. It is naturally expected that PCCs will propose amendments to their initial Police and Crime Plan during their period of office, especially bearing in mind that the future funding landscape is not certain at this time. Any such changes need to undertaken in consultation with the respective chief constable.
5. Members of the Leicestershire Police and Crime Panel will recall that they received a draft Plan, prepared for public and partner consultation, at their meeting on 30 January 2013. Not only did the Panel offer feedback on the Plan, but during the period to 10 March 2013 a number of individuals and organisations have also taken the opportunity to give their views. A copy of the response received from the Police and Crime Panel, together with the response provided by the PCC is attached at Appendix 'B'. The PCC has also initiated many meetings with organisations and special interest groups in order to gather views and comments face to face.
6. The consultation process has had two particular effects: firstly, the Plan has been substantially altered, especially in the partnership section. Secondly, the discussions with partner organisations and interest groups have assisted in building stronger relationships that will assist in delivering the Plan.

7. The statutory process for production of the Plan requires that the PCC presents a draft to the Police and Crime Panel, that the Panel may make comments and that the PCC must take account of and respond to those comments (these comments and the PCC's responses are published on the PCC website). This presentation of the Plan is to show the Panel how the Plan has changed in response to the Panel's and others' comments. The Panel should note that further work is required to deliver a revised Plan by September that particularly takes account of the outcomes of the discussions with partners and others from or with whom complementary services may be commissioned. That Plan will also seek to offer sustainable solutions to addressing the projected medium term funding gap.

### **Number and Profile of Responses**

8. During the consultation period, 126 separate pieces of feedback have been received and the PCC has attended 47 meetings with organisations and interest groups, during which Plan feedback has been sought. Included within this is the Voluntary Action Leicestershire consultation event from which notes were submitted.

9. This feedback has been received through the following routes:

	Number
Feedback given to PCC in person	2
Meetings attended by PCC	47
Phone call	1
Letters	7
Tweets	4
Website Feedback	9
Internal e-mails	11
External e-mails – direct and via third party	92
<b>Total meetings and responses</b>	<b>173</b>

10. The 'via third party' submissions were mainly via local councils and included some separate responses from different departments within the councils. In none of these submissions was it possible to determine whether the views being expressed were as a result of consultation with the population that the council represents, or whether they were the personal opinions of councillors or officers. This also includes the meetings attended by the PCC at which feedback was invited.

11. The total responses can therefore be finally summarised (unverified) as being from:

	Specific Responses	Meetings attended
Members of the public	73	2
Neighbourhood Watch	3	-
Council (including Parish Council)	20	7
Member of Parliament / Councillor	2	3
National Organisations	6	1
Local Organisations	10	25
Internal – Civilian Staff	5	-
Internal – Police Officer	6	9
Interim Chair of Joint Audit Committee (JARAP)	1	-
<b>Total separate responses</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>47</b>

## **Issues raised**

12. A total of 78 issues have been raised, some issues having been raised by more than one respondent, some respondents having raised more than one issue and one respondent indicating their complete agreement with the draft of the Plan that was published.
13. Some of the points raised relate to operational delivery rather than those strategic matters that fall within the remit of the PCC. Also, some issues were raised on areas over which the PCC has no direct control; e.g. on elements of the criminal justice world where the ultimate control is held by another agency.
14. Only 3 issues were separately raised by more than 5 respondents (excepting that two standard emails prepared by national organisations were sent by several people). These were:
  - Roads Policing - that it should have a specific target
  - Use of Targets – points included: too many targets, too specific, concern about skewing activity, need to describe the activity required to achieve them, how will they be translated to the level(s) below Force.
  - Mental Health - 6 local agencies raised that the inclusion of mental health issues was confusing with some wordings suggesting that persons suffering such issues were potential offenders and in other places victims.
15. In addition to comments on the content, there were a number of comments on the format and presentation of the Plan. Many of these have been addressed through the re-write of various sections and through the amendments made as a result of the equalities impact assessment (EIA).
16. In addition to specific issues and aspects of formatting, a theme put forward by local authority respondents was that they felt that no draft of the Plan should have been issued by the PCC before consultation with them. Ideally, this would have been the case, but the timeframe to delivery of the Plan made such an approach impractical on this occasion. However, every attempt will be made to achieve this for future iterations to the Plan.

## **Conclusion**

17. Issuing the draft Police and Crime Plan for consultation has been very worthwhile. It has enabled the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to produce a better report that is more representative, particularly, of partners' priorities and their commitment and contributions to the ambitions set out in the Plan.
18. In presenting this final version of the Plan to this Panel, the Police and Crime Commissioner wishes to express his sincere thanks to the many partners, agencies, organisations and individuals whose inputs and feedback have added very welcome depth and granularity to its content.
19. As mentioned above, further work will now be undertaken in regard of commissioning services that are complementary to the work of the Police and partners. Change programme work is also underway with the intention of identifying both future demands and cost saving opportunities that will address the projected future funding gap. This will all be brought together in a revised version of the Plan to be issued in September 2013.

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