

Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Panel

Thursday 1st October 2020

Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 2019/20

At its meeting on Thursday 1st October 2020 the Police and Crime Panel considered the Police and Crime Commissioner's draft Annual Report 2019/20, the final version of which, would include photographs and consistent format style of other OPCC publications.

The panels comments in response to the report are summarised below:

The Police and Crime Commissioner was thanked for the comprehensive report based upon themes from the Police and Crime Plan.

The Panel notes the Annual Report referred to interventions around Domestic Abuse and the Panel were keen to understand how much violence in the public domain arose from domestic abuse and how the targeting of interventions could be applied to address that.

The case studies were welcomed as giving additional insight into the work being done, however as the area covered (Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland) was very diverse in its communities, land, poverty/wealth, prospects for individuals etc it was difficult to identify from the report how successfully crime was being tackled in particular areas and it was suggested that some pictorial infographics could be useful to show that.

The Panel welcomed the increase in policing numbers and asked for the uplifting of police numbers overtime to also be reflected in the report, as it was important that the point was clear around the numbers of visible policing being agreed to since Police and Crime Commissioner came into office.

The Panel enquired about arrangements for the Violence Reduction Network (VRN) if future funding was not secured and noted, it was anticipated the government will grant aid next year. As this was a long term project a sustainability plan was also being developed despite the working assumption the VRN will continue to be funded.

The Panel requested details about the Victim Surcharge levied at offenders and how that was applied.

Overall the Panel commended the report for being succinct and easily read and recognised the hard work being done.