

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report of	OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
Subject	POLICE AND CRIME PLAN
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Purpose of Report

1. To advise the Panel on the early thinking around the PCC's preparation of a Police and Crime Plan (PCP)

Recommendation

2. The Panel is asked to consider and note the contents of the report.

Background

3. The PCC has a duty to prepare a PCP within 12 months of taking up office and must consult with the community and the Chief Constable in doing so. The PCP also must contain certain components, such as the Strategic Policing Requirement.

Approach

4. The PCC has prepared a manifesto and intends to model his PCP around that manifesto. The manifesto focusses on developments around policing as follows:
5. **Peelian Principles** – this section focusses on the strength and importance of the relationship between the police and the public and emphasises that this will be a key guiding principle in the PCC's work and plan.
6. **Visible Policing** – this section emphasises the importance of ensuring that police are accessible and that as many police officers as possible are placed in the front line. It also says that the PCC will explore the possibility of opening a police station in Rutland.
7. **Rural Policing** - This section focusses on the protection of the rural areas. To do so it envisages closer partnerships with parish councils, the reinvigoration of neighbourhood watch groups and an expansion of special constables. It envisages close working relationships with Rutland and Leicestershire County Councils.

8. **More Policing** – This section is concerned with the effective leadership and well-being of police officers and police staff. It also emphasises the importance of partnerships and talks about multi-agency partnerships to “problem solve” key challenges. It emphasises the importance of mobilising community resources as well, through an expansion of volunteering and use of neighbourhood schemes.
9. **Hi-Tech Policing** – This section has two key themes: the first focusses on the use of technology to improve the quality, efficiency and reach of Leicestershire Police; the second is a commitment to the environment through the deployment of e.g. “Green Pandas” and reducing unnecessary travelling “to communicate and meet through technology”.
10. **Local Policing** – The commitments in this section build on the developments that are already in progress within Leicestershire Police to uplift neighbourhood policing. The latest target operating model (TOM) was introduced in March 2020 and saw a considerable shift to basing police officers in local settings. The commitment to professionalising the work of neighbourhood policing is very strong within the PCC’s future plans and align well to initiatives already underway within Leicestershire Police. This section also includes the intention to explore the possibility of making community speedwatch available to all parishes and villages which want it.
11. **Community Policing** – This section focusses on communications with communities. It envisages a very accessible PCC who attends meetings with a variety of communities and who has open channels of communication at all times, enabling community groups to express views and for the police to listen and respond to those views. There is an emphasis on communication and developing technology-based public communication and consultation channels.
12. These are the core components of the manifesto that the PCC intends to expand upon within the PCP. As mentioned above, the PCP will need to contain specific areas within policing, such as the Strategic Policing Requirement.
13. The PCC intends to consult on the preparation of the plan, engaging with communities and partners over the coming months in order to gauge their views about what the plan should contain.
14. No deadline for the preparation of the PCP, nor any programme of consultation has yet been prepared, but it will be made available to the Panel once it has been.

Implications

Financial: None at this stage

Legal: None at this stage

Equality Impact Assessment: None

Risks and Impact: None

Link to Police and Crime Plan: The document refers to the plan

Communications: None at this stage

List of Appendices

None

Background Papers

None.

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