

Meeting Date	3 February 2022
Report of	The Police and Crime Commissioner
Subject	The PCC's Police and Crime Plan for 2022-2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides members of the Police and Crime Panel (Panel) with the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) draft Police and Crime Plan (Plan) for 2023-2025 and invites members to comment on the content.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Members of the Panel are recommended to:

- a) note the contents of the PCC's new draft Plan, and
- b) consider the new draft Plan and comment on the contents in a report and make any recommendations.

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1. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 makes provision for a new or returning PCC to draft and issue a new Plan, in consultation with the Chief Constable, to set the policing objectives for the local area. The 2011 Act also provides for the Plan to be kept under review and variations issued, where necessary.
2. Before issuing or varying a Plan, a PCC must:
 - a) prepare a draft of the plan or variation,
 - b) consult the relevant chief constable in preparing the draft plan or variation,
 - c) send the draft plan or variation to the relevant police and crime panel,
 - d) have regard to any report or recommendations made by the panel in relation to the draft plan or variation (see section 28(3)),
 - e) give the panel a response to any such report or recommendations, and
 - f) publish any such response.
3. As in previous years, the draft Plan appended at *Appendix A* is based on information from a range of sources, and consultation, as part of the PCC's annual strategic and financial planning process. As part of that process, the Chief Constable submitted her assessment of policing need in South Yorkshire for 2023 and beyond. The key ambition remains the same as reported last year:

“The key driver is around stability for the force with a key focus on getting the basics right rather than radical change - we want our foundations to be deep across all areas of our organisation. This doesn't mean that the force is limiting its vision or ambition, rather that it recognises that there has been substantial change over a short period and, add to this the largest change to officers numbers, the focus needs to be on consolidation and stability.”

In order to achieve this, core priority areas are around response, protecting vulnerable people (PVP) and Neighbourhoods, and ensuring that we have the right resources in these areas to support delivery. Delivery of the police officer uplift programme also continues to be a key focus, not only being on track to meet the Home Office target numbers, but taking advantage of the offer of additional Home Office funding to recruit an extra eight officers.

4. Thus, the draft Plan re-states the same overall priorities:
 - Protecting Vulnerable People
 - Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour and
 - Treating People Fairly

and includes some fundamental principles:

- Put victims first
- Improve trust and confidence in the police
- Demonstrate Value for Money

There will then be some particular areas of focus under the priorities in the coming year, such as:

- violence against women and girls (VAWG)
- neighbourhood crimes
- drugs – and the gangs and serious violence associated with them
- improving SYP's initial response to calls for service
- police legitimacy and improving public trust and confidence in the police following damaging national media headlines, and
- ensuring better representation of the communities of South Yorkshire in policing services – male/female, ethnic minorities.

5. The Panel is invited to consider the new draft Plan and comment on the contents in a report and make any recommendations. The Panel is respectfully asked to provide their report by 15 February 2023, to enable recommendations to be considered by the PCC and the final Plan to be approved at the PCC's special Public Accountability Board on 27 February 2023.

List of background documents		
Appendix A – new draft Police and Crime Plan – <i>'Working Together for a Safer South Yorkshire'</i>		
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