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Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner to the Chair and Members of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel

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Police and Crime Commissioners Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present the proposals and findings from the annual review of the Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017 to Cleveland Police and Crime Panel.
- 1.2 That members of the Police and Crime Panel note the proposed changes to the Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017.
- 1.3 The Police and Crime Commissioners objectives and commitments will remain unchanged for the duration of the plan. The plan appendices will be updated once the precept has been agreed and an updated copy of the plan circulated to all Police and Crime Panel members.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cleveland's Police and Crime Plan is a statutory document. Requirements for the plan are set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Policing Protocol Order 2011. This plan must have regard to the strategic policing requirement issued by the Home Secretary which is published annually.
- 2.2 The PCC has a duty to keep the Plan under review and in particular review the plan in the light of any changes in the strategic policing requirement and any report or recommendations made to the commissioner by the Police and Crime Panel.
- 2.3 This reports sets out the findings from the PCCs review of the Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017.

3.0 Review of Police and Crime Plan

- 3.1 The Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017 was published on 1 April 2013 in accordance with the requirements set out in the legal framework. The PCC has undertaken a number of activities in reviewing the Police and Crime Plan, including
 - SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) analysis in July and November 2013
 - Report showing 1st year in office progress against the plan as reported to the Police and Crime Panel in October 2013.
 - Monthly monitoring of progress against objectives.
 - PCC and Deputy Chief Constable consultation presentations regarding the budget to each of the four local authorities in November and December 2013.
 - Briefing to the Cleveland MPs in December 2013.
 - Consultation event with partners in January 2014.

Observations and findings from the review are shown below.

3.2 The PCC objectives for the period 2013-2017 are:

| PCC Objective | Outcome expected |
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| Retain and develop neighbourhood policing | Reduced neighbourhood crime |
| Ensure a better deal for victims and witnesses | Improved victim satisfaction |
| Divert people from offending, with a focus on rehabilitation and the prevention of reoffending | Fewer people reoffending |
| Develop better coordination, communication and partnership between agencies to make the best use of resources | Successful services commissioned |
| Working for better industrial and community relations | Organisational stability |

Review findings show that the objectives continue to reflect the vision of the PCC and that their wording is sufficiently broad enough to support legal requirements. No changes to objectives are proposed.

- 3.3 Horizon scanning process shows that there has been no significant change in the demographics of the police area or the policing of Cleveland Police. The proposal is to update Appendix 1 to reflect the latest census figures, national ranking and comparison with most similar forces and consultation process.
- 3.4 The financial and other resources appendix of the plan will be rewritten to reflect recent and ongoing downward pressures on finances, staffing and other resources. Updates will not be available until approval has been made on the precept and approval of the Long Term Financial Plan. The appendix will include the crime and disorder reduction grants and the conditions to which such grants are made.
- 3.5 The Governance and Accountability appendix of the Plan be revised to reflect the changes in the
 - governance framework resulting from the Stage 2 Transfers due to take place in April 2014
 - the strategic policing requirement

- the decision making framework
- the performance framework
- the audit, inspection and complaints frameworks.
- 3.6 The introduction to the Police and Crime Plan is proposed to be rewritten to reflect the work and activities of the PCC and the challenges ahead.

4.0 Publication schedule

4.1 Once approved, the revised Police and Crime Plan will be published on the PCC website on 1 April 2014. Copies will be available across the area in main reference libraries and printed copies can be requested.

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