



Report of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

Commissioner's Draft Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021

Friday 4th November 2016

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This document constitutes the report and recommendations of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel in respect of the Commissioner's draft Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner in accordance with the requirements of Part 1, Section 28 (3) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
- 1.3 The Panel endorses the objectives and aspirations which form the basis of the draft Police and Crime Plan.
- 1.4 However, the Panel wishes to put forward a number of recommendations to the Commissioner for incorporation in the final version of the Plan.

2. West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

- 2.1 Those Panel Members present to review the draft Police and Crime Plan were as follows:

- Cllr Alison Lowe Leeds (Chair)
- Cllr Andrew Mallison Bradford
- Cllr Steve Pullen Bradford
- Cllr Chris Pearson Calderdale
- Cllr Steve Sweeney Calderdale
- Cllr Mumtaz Hussain Kirklees
- Cllr Amanda Carter Leeds
- Cllr Josephine Jarosz Leeds
- Cllr Steve Tulley Wakefield
- Cllr Alan Wassell Wakefield
- Jo Sykes Independent Member
- Roger Grasby Independent Member

In attendance: Bernadette Livesey, City Solicitor, Wakefield Council
Samantha Wilkinson, Police and Crime Panel Officer

3. Role of the Panel

3.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (PRSRA) states the following in relation to the Panel's involvement with the Police and Crime Plan:

'A Panel must review the draft Police and Crime Plan, or draft variation, given by the relevant Commissioner and make a report or recommendations on the draft Plan to the Commissioner.'

3.2 Following the meeting, the Panel is obliged to publish a report which summarises its agreed response to the draft Police and Crime Plan including any specific recommendations that the Panel decided to make to the Commissioner.

3.3 The Panel does not have the power to veto the Plan or any aspect of it.

4. Role of the Commissioner

4.1 The PRSRA stipulates that the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan must set out the following:

- The Commissioner's police and crime objectives
- The police area which the Chief Constable is to provide policing for
- The financial, and other resources, which the Commissioner is to provide to the Chief Constable
- The means by which the Chief Constable will report to the Commissioner
- The means by which the Chief Constable's performance will be measured
- The crime and disorder reduction grants which the Commissioner is to make and the conditions (if any) of these grants

4.2 The Commissioner must 'have regard' to the report and recommendations submitted by the Panel following the review of the Plan. He will also need to publish his own response to the Panel's report.

4.3 The Commissioner is also required to produce an Annual Report summarising the exercise of his functions in that financial year as well as the progress that has been made in meeting the police and crime objectives within the Plan.

4.4 The Panel will review, and report on, the Annual Report in the same way as is detailed in Section 3 for the Police and Crime Plan.

5. Panel's Recommendations

5.1 On the basis of the draft Plan provided to it, and through its discussion with the Commissioner on 4th November 2016, the Panel wishes to make the following

comments and recommendations for incorporation in the final version of the Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021:

- 5.1.1 The Panel wishes to emphasise its broad support for the police and crime aspirations articulated throughout the Plan. It is believed that these accurately represent the concerns of the public and the priorities of partners.
- 5.1.2 The Panel welcomed the opportunity to work with the Commissioner in the development of the Police and Crime Plan to specifically help shape the measures that will be used to show “How we will know we have delivered”.
- 5.1.3 However, the Panel is concerned that without the inclusion of baseline data, the Commissioner cannot truly be held to account by the public or the Panel, which will be of a disadvantage to communities across West Yorkshire.
- 5.1.3 For this reason, the Panel would recommend that the Commissioner delays publication of the Police and Crime Plan until after the release of the latest data which will be used to establish the new “baseline”, which the Commissioner stated would be available by the end of December.
- 5.1.4 The Panel would also expect the supporting Priority Plans to be completed by the end of December and available with the launch of the Plan. These would enable the Panel and public to better understand how the Commissioner intends to deliver his Police and Crime Plan.
- 5.1.5 In order to fully understand the Commissioner’s approach to improving policing and crime outcomes for the people of West Yorkshire, the Panel would like to see the Police and Crime Plan include more detailed information about the mechanisms the Commissioner will use to hold the Chief Constable to account for the performance of the Force.
- 5.1.6 The Panel welcomes the Commissioner’s intention to make his Police and Crime Plan more accessible to the public by planning to produce a brief “Plan at a Glance”.
- 5.1.7 The Panel welcomes the assurance of an annual refresh to ensure the 16 priorities remain relevant the people of West Yorkshire and to enable to Commissioner to be responsive to global, national or other events.