



Report of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

Commissioner's Draft Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021 (Refresh 2018)

Friday 15th June 2018

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 (Refresh 2018)
- 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 Russell Brown Bradford
- Cllr Richard Dunbar Bradford
- Cllr Steve Sweeney Calderdale
- Cllr Sophie Whittaker Calderdale
- Cllr Amanda Pinnock Kirklees
- Cllr Andrew Pinnock Kirklees
- Cllr Amanda Carter Leeds
- Cllr Steve Tulley Wakefield
- Cllr Alan Wassell Wakefield
- Jo Sykes Independent Member
- Roger Grasby Independent Member

In attendance: Sharon Fraser, Legal Support, 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 15th June 2018, the Panel wishes to make the following comments

and recommendations for incorporation in the final version of the Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021 (Refresh 2018).

- 5.1.1 The Panel welcomes the refreshed plan and feels that it is more succinct and focussed. 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 welcomes the inclusion of violent crime alongside Major threats within the Police and Crime Plan priorities.
- 5.1.3 The Panel acknowledge that the Commissioner does not want to include 'baseline data' within the plan itself, but has previously agreed to publish this on the website. This published data requires reviewing now that more up to date data is available. To enable the public to understand the changes across time, this might mean including an additional column providing more up to date information.
- 5.1.4 The Panel feel that the supporting Priority Plans are an important element of understanding how the Commissioner intends to deliver the Police and Crime Plan. The Panel recommend that there is a reference within the Plan signposting to where these can be accessed.
- 5.1.5 In order to fully understand the Commissioner's approach to improving policing and crime outcomes for the people of West Yorkshire, and as a statutory requirement set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Panel recommends that the Police and Crime Plan includes 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 Panel welcomes the additional inclusion of an objective to reduce ASB through prevention and early intervention.
- 5.1.7 Panel recommend that alongside the objective to make more use of civil order and legislation to disrupt offenders, protecting the vulnerable and reducing threats, the measure should include the word 'increase' the volume of DPOs, Sexual Risk Orders and Child Abduction Warning Notices.
- 5.1.8 Panel recommend that the Commissioner further reflects on the measure for 'having a police service which is more representative of the people it serves' as there is a view that the measure on its own was not necessarily a good indicator.

- 5.1.9 Panel ask the Commissioner to ensure that the Plan includes a key to the financial information set out on page 23 to ensure that it complies with the legislative requirements to show how resources are allocated.
- 5.1.10 The legislation also requires the PCC to set out within the Police and Crime Plan the crime and disorder reduction grants which the Commissioner is to make and the conditions (if any) of these grants. These are not included within the current draft document and the Panel recommends that the PCC includes this information to comply with the legal requirement.