



# SUSSEX POLICE & CRIME PANEL

## Sussex Police and Crime Panel

14 March 2025

## Sussex Police and Crime Plan 2024-28

## Report by The Clerk to Sussex Police and Crime Panel

### Focus for scrutiny/Summary

In respect of the draft Plan, the Panel is asked to consider:

- a. How well the matters set out under paragraph 1.3 are addressed
- b. How well the desires and aspirations of Sussex's residents have been reflected.

### 1. Background

1.1 Following elections in May 2024, the Commissioner is legally required to publish a Police and Crime Plan by 31 March 2025.

1.2 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the Act) permits a Commissioner (PCC) to issue a Plan at any time. However, in respect of any plan or variation to a plan, the PCC must send a draft to the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) and have regard to any report or recommendations made by the PCP.

1.3 A plan should set out the following matters (from Section 7 of the Act):

- a. The PCC's police and crime objectives
- b. The policing of the police area which the Chief Constable is to provide
- c. The financial and other resources which the PCC is to provide to the Chief Constable for the Chief Constable to exercise the functions of Chief Constable
- d. The means by which the Chief Constable will report to the PCC on the Chief Constable's provision of policing
- e. The means by which the Chief Constable's performance in providing policing will be measured;
- f. The services which are to be provided by virtue of section 143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014;
- g. Any grants which the PCC is to make under that section, and the conditions (if any) subject to which any such grants are to be made.

1.4 The PCC's objectives are the objectives for:

- a. Policing in Sussex
- b. Crime and disorder reduction in Sussex

c. The discharge by Sussex Police of its national or international functions.

## **2. Discussion**

2.1 The Panel has been invited to contribute to the development of the draft Plan, having considered reports at its meetings in September 2024 and January 2025.

2.2 At the conclusion of the item, the Chair will summarise the views arising from session and agree any recommendations.

2.3 Following the meeting, a report will be prepared in consultation with the Chair, and dispatched and published within two working days. The Commissioner's response will be published on the Panel's webpage and included in the published papers for the Panel's next meeting.

## **3. Risk Management Implications**

3.1 Scrutiny of the draft Police & Crime Plan is a statutory duty for the Panel. It is important that this duty is undertaken thoroughly and effectively.

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