



<b>To:</b>	The Sussex Police & Crime Panel.
<b>From:</b>	The Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner.
<b>Subject:</b>	Update on Sussex Police & Crime Plan 2024/28.
<b>Date:</b>	31 January 2025.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	That the Sussex Police & Crime Panel note the report.

## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the progress made by the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) to develop the Sussex Police & Crime Plan 2024/28 and the revisions that have been made to the three priority areas and the supporting police and crime objectives included within.

## 2.0 Priority Areas

- 2.1 As was reported to the Sussex Police & Crime Panel on 27 September 2024, the PCC has a statutory duty to set the police and crime objectives for their police force area through a police & crime plan.
- 2.2 Following this meeting and the feedback received from Panel members, the PCC has revised the three priority areas contained within the draft plan, alongside the series of supporting police and crime objectives, as follows:

<b>Sussex PCC – Priority Areas</b>		
<b>Priority 1 – PROTECT: Prevent crime and support victims and witnesses.</b>	<b>Priority 2 – CATCH: Investigate crime and bring offenders to justice.</b>	<b>Priority 3 – DELIVER: Improve trust in policing and build public confidence.</b>
Maintain high quality and effective support services to safeguard victims and witnesses in Sussex.	Improve the standard and effectiveness of investigations.	Make policing visible to improve public confidence and tackle anti-social behaviour.
Tackle violence against women and girls to make them feel safer in public spaces.	Optimise the positive outcomes and experience delivered for victims of crime.	Provide an effective and accessible police service for all.
Support community safety partners to deliver activities which prevent and reduce crime and divert young people from offending.	Reduce homicide, serious violence and knife crime in Sussex.	Answer calls for service promptly and attend these calls in a timely manner.
Develop a partnership response to tackle and prevent perpetrator behaviour through offender programmes and interventions, to reduce repeat victimisation and reoffending.	Deliver enforcement activity to target and disrupt serious organised crime gangs and high impact crimes.	Make the roads of Sussex safer and reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured.
Prevent and support individuals and businesses from becoming victims of fraud and cyber-crime.	Tackle business and retail crime to make our shops and high streets safer places to work in and visit.	Encourage greater reporting of traditionally under-reported crimes to Sussex Police.

- 2.3 The revisions made to the three priority areas and supporting police and crime objectives contained within also means that Sussex Police will be able to better align their own priorities to deliver the plan and ensure that an efficient and effective police service is provided to the residents and communities across Sussex, as follows:

<b>Sussex Police – Priority Areas</b>		
<b>PROTECT our communities.</b>	<b>CATCH criminals.</b>	<b>DELIVER an outstanding service.</b>

### **3.0 Public Consultation**

- 3.1 As was highlighted in the previous report, the PCC has considered the views of the local community and victims of crime during the process of developing the new Sussex Police & Crime Plan.
- 3.2 The three priority areas [and supporting police and crime objectives contained within] have been developed following extensive consultation with members of the public in Sussex to ensure that the new plan reflects accurately the policing, crime and community safety issues that are most important to local residents and communities.
- 3.3 Additional feedback has also been sought from Sussex Police, Brighton & Hove City Council, East Sussex County Council and West Sussex County Council, alongside each of the 12 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) throughout Sussex and members of the Sussex Police & Crime Panel.

### **4.0 Sussex Police & Crime Plan 2024/28**

- 4.1 The PCC is still in the process of finalising the new Sussex Police & Crime Plan 2024/28 which will articulate how each of the three priority areas and supporting police and crime objectives contained within are set to be delivered, monitored and measured.
- 4.2 A draft copy of the plan will be brought to the Sussex Police & Crime Panel meeting on 14 March 2025 for members to formally review in accordance with Chapter 4 – Section 28(3) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
- 4.3 The new plan will be finalised and published as soon as is practicable after that meeting and, in any case, before 31 March 2025.

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