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| <b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>  |
| <b>10 APRIL 2013</b>  |
| <b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) –<br/>DRAFT POLICE AND CRIME PLAN (FIVE YEAR PLAN)</b> |
| <b>REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>  |

## 1. Purpose

To discuss with Chris Cutland, Nottinghamshire's Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner the Draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-18, the key strategic themes and delivery plan.

## 2. Action required

**That the Committee use the information received at the meeting to inform questioning to scrutinise the strategic themes and activities highlighted in the PCC's draft Police and Crime Plan and explore the relationship dynamics between the PCC, PCP, the Crime and Drugs Partnership and the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function.**

## 3. Background information

3.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act received Royal Assent in September 2011, this Act abolished Police Authorities and replaced them with Elected Police and Crime Commissioners. The elections took place on 15 November 2012, with Paddy Tipping being elected and taking up his position as Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire on 22 November 2012. He will be in post until the next election which will take place in May 2016 and then every subsequent four years.

3.2 The Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel was established in 2012 to scrutinise the actions and decisions of the PCC and to ensure information is available for the public which enables them to hold the PCC to account. The Panel does not replace the Police Authority and does not have a role in scrutinising the performance of the force (this is the role of the PCC). For further information about the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel, its meeting dates and topics for discussion you can view this website: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/partnerships/police-and-crime-panel](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/partnerships/police-and-crime-panel)

3.3 The membership of the PCP comprises:

- Chairman - Councillor John Clarke – Gedling Borough Council
- Vice-Chairman – Mayor Tony Egginton – Mansfield District Council
- **Councillor Eunice Campbell – Nottingham City Council**
- **Councillor Jon Collins – Nottingham City Council**
- **Councillor Georgina Culley – Nottingham City Council**
- **Councillor Alex Norris – Nottingham City Council**
- Councillor David Challinor – Bassetlaw District Council
- Councillor Eddie Fearon – Rushcliffe Borough Council

- Mrs Christine Goldstraw – Independent Member
- Mrs Suma Harding – Independent Member
- Councillor Eric Kerry – Nottinghamshire County Council
- Councillor John Knight – Ashfield District Council
- Councillor Pat Lally – Broxtowe Borough Council
- Councillor Keith Longdon – Nottinghamshire County Council
- Councillor Tony Roberts MBE – Newark and Sherwood District Council

3.4 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a statutory duty to scrutinise the work of and progress against targets of the CDP on an annual basis under the Police and Justice Act 2006. The CDP is Nottingham's Community Safety Panel (CSP) and comprises multi-agency organisations who are responsible for tackling and addressing crime and substance misuse in Nottingham including: the Police, City Council, Crown Prosecution Service, Fire and Rescue Service, Probation Service, the National Health Service, Drug and Alcohol Action Team, the City's two universities, Nottingham City Homes, the Business Community and voluntary sector organisations such as Victim Support and Neighbourhood Watch.

3.5 CSPs remain accountable under the crime and disorder scrutiny provisions originally set out in the Police and Justice Act 2006. Councils are therefore still required to have an overview and scrutiny committee covering crime and disorder matters at which it scrutinises the performance of its CSP (Crime and Drugs Partnership).

3.6 The PCP has the duty to scrutinise the PCC not the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The statutory relationship between the PCC and CSPs is that the PCC will not be 'responsible authorities' under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and as such not be members of community safety panels. However, provisions in the Police Reform Act place a mutual duty on PCCs and responsible authorities in CSPs to co-operate to reduce crime disorder and re-offending. The PCC's Police and Crime Plan must have regard to the priorities of each CSP and likewise the CSP must have regard to the priorities established by the PCC in their police and crime plan.

3.7 The PCC published his first Police and Crime Plan which covers the period April 2013 to March 2018. This plan was developed in partnership and involvement from local communities, victims of crime and local citizens to outline the vision, core values and strategic priorities for policing. The Commissioner's vision is simply to be "The Peoples' Commissioner"<sup>1</sup>.

3.8 At the meeting of the PCP, 6 February 2013, the panel considered the proposed precept put forwarded by the PCC and the base budget review for 2013/14. Confirmation of the Panel's decision was sent by letter on 8 February 2013, as follows:

"As you are aware, ten of the twelve Panel Members present supported your proposed precept increase of 1.95%. Through the debate at the meeting you heard that the panel did have concerns about the Force's level of uncommitted reserves, whilst acknowledging the need to be prudent in light of uncertainties about future funding. The Panel recognised the future implications of accepting the Freeze Grant on offer from Central Government

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<sup>1</sup> Draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-2018, Part A: Setting the Scene, 1. Introduction

this year. Members also raised concerns about the level of under-spend which was predicted for this year and which had occurred in previous years.

The Panel welcomed your proposal for a base budget review 2013/14 and supported the proposed recruitment of additional Police Officers and Community Support Officers in line with your pre-election commitments. The Panel commended the community engagement and consultation which you had undertaken around your proposed budget and precept, although some Members did query the extent to which the largely positive responses received were dependent upon the nature of the questions asked.

In summary, the Panel supported the proposed precept increase and expressed its continuing support for you in your first year of office as the Commissioner. However, the Panel was keen for the proposed base budget review to deliver improvements in the Force's financial management so that the current levels of under-spend would be reduced in future years"<sup>2</sup>.

### 3.6 The key Strategic Priority themes of the Draft Police and Crime Plan<sup>3</sup> include:

- Protect support and respond to victims, witnesses and vulnerable people;
- Improve efficiency, accessibility and effectiveness of the criminal justice process;
- Focus on those local areas that are most affected by crime and anti-social behaviour;
- Reduce the impact of drugs and alcohol on levels of crime and anti-social behaviour;
- Reduce the threat from organised crime;
- Prevention, early intervention and reduction in re-offending;
- Spending your money wisely.

Activities within each theme have been developed with partners, with a delivery programme and milestones throughout the life of the Plan. Progress on these will be reported every six months and be included annually in the Commissioner's Annual Plan.

More detailed actions within the strategic themes in the plan can be found on the Office of Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner via this link: <http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Home.aspx> .

### 3.7 The following emerging key national strategies, plans and reviews which informed the Draft Police and Crime Plan include:

- Cyber Crime and Security – 'UK Cyber Security Strategy';
- Domestic Violence – 'Call to end violence against Women and Girls: Taking Action';
- Gang and Youth violence – 'Ending gang and youth violence';
- New Localism Bill – community budgets;
- Alcohol and drug-related crime and disorder – 'Alcohol Strategy' and 'Drug Strategy';
- Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage – Government's White Paper: Putting Victim's First: More Effective Responses to Anti-Social Behaviour'
- Hate Crime – 'Tackle Hate Crime'

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<sup>2</sup> Letter sent to PCC from Cllr John Clarke, Chair of PCP - <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/2884/Committee/470/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> Draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-2018, page 22

- Criminal Justice Reform
- Police Reform – ‘Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011’;
- Social Justice Reform – ‘Social Justice: Transforming lives Strategy’;
- Open Public Services – ‘White Paper: Open Public Services’;
- Time to Wake Up – Tackling gangs one year after the riots<sup>4</sup>

4. **List of attached information**

None

5. **Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

None

6. **Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-18

7. **Wards affected**

Citywide

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<sup>4</sup> Centre for Social Justice October 2012