

PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15 June 2017

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN FOR THE THAMES VALLEY 2017-2021

INTRODUCTION

1. Anthony Stansfeld, Police & Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley, will present his recently published Police and Crime Plan 2017-21 to the committee for discussion.
2. As PCC, Mr Stansfeld's actions, decisions and performance are scrutinised by the Police and Crime Panel for the Thames Valley. Councillor Kieron Mallon is Oxfordshire County Council's representative on the Panel. Given the PCC's work in Oxfordshire, including the allocation of funds to certain initiatives supported by the council, Mr Stansfeld also attends the council's Performance Scrutiny Committee when invited.

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

3. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has produced a Police and Crime Plan for the Thames Valley which covers April 2017 - March 2021. Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the PCC must produce a Police and Crime Plan which sets out the Commissioner's strategic police and crime objectives for the Thames Valley with regard to:
 - the policing of the area;
 - crime and disorder reduction, and
 - the discharge by Thames Valley of its national or international functions
4. The Plan must also cover:
 - The policing of Thames Valley which the Chief Constable is to provide
 - 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 on the provision of policing
 - The means by which the Chief Constable's performance in providing policing is measured
 - The crime and disorder reduction grants which the Commissioner is to make, and the conditions (if any) of those grants
5. The Plan draws upon a wide range of information from the police, community safety and criminal justice partners to ensure it reflects the police and crime issues which are affecting the Thames Valley. It also covers a much wider range of service responsibilities than any plan previously developed by the police, community safety partnerships (CSPs) or any other individual community safety

responsible authority. The Plan will bring together the priorities of all agencies and authorities with a responsibility for cutting crime and improving community safety.

6. Mr Stansfeld attended the council's Performance Scrutiny Committee in October 2016 with Francis Habgood, Thames Valley's Chief Constable. The main issue for discussion then was the latter's July 2016 paper "Our Commitment: Working Together To Make Communities Safer". Prior to that, both the Police and Crime Plan (2013-17, refreshed in 2014) and the Thames Valley Police Delivery Plan (2015-16) had been brought to the committee in May 2015.
7. Committee members and the public should note that the Chief Constable will be attending the committee's 21 September meeting to discuss Thames Valley Police's annual report. Other items on community safety and risk management will also be presented at that meeting. Jointly, the 15 June and 21 September meetings will fulfil the council's scrutiny responsibilities under the Police and Justice Act 2006 as set out in the council's Constitution.

8. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to consider the Police and Crime Plan and put any relevant questions to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

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