

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

19 March 2013

Subject: **Police and Crime Plan**

Cabinet member: **Councillor Jane Scott, Leader of the Council**

Key Decision: **No**

Purpose of Report

1. Cabinet is asked to consider and comment on the attached Wiltshire Police and Crime Plan (Appendix 1).

Background

2. The Police and Reform Social Responsibility Act 2011 brought about significant changes to the way the Police are governed in England and Wales. This included the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) in each Police force area.
3. As members will be aware, Mr Angus Macpherson was elected on 15 November 2012 as the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Wiltshire Police force area.
4. The Act placed a duty on PCCs to issue a Police and Crime Plan and keep it under review. A Police and Crime Plan should determine, direct and communicate the PCC's priorities during their period in office. The Plan must specifically include the following matters:
 - the PCC's police and crime objectives for the area;
 - the policing of the police area which the chief officer of police is to provide;
 - the financial and other resources which the PCC is to provide to the chief officer of police;
 - the means by which the chief officer of police will report to the PCC on the chief officer's provision of policing;
 - the means by which the chief officer of police's performance in providing policing will be measured; and
 - the crime and disorder reduction grants which the PCC is to make and the conditions (if any) of those grants.

5. The Police and Crime Panel reviewed the Police and Crime Plan at its extraordinary meeting held on 1 March 2013 convened for that purpose. The Panel has expressed a number of concerns over the Plan and made a number of specific recommendations. The report of the Panel is attached at Appendix 2.
6. Chief officers of police and local unitary, county and district authorities have a duty to co-operate with the PCC for the purpose of formulating police and crime plans. In turn, the PCC also has a duty to co-operate with local authorities in formulating and implementing crime and disorder strategies and have regard to the relevant priorities of each local authority.
7. The closing date for views on the Plan is 10 March. However, it is hoped that the PCC will delay publication of his Plan to allow for the views of this Cabinet and therefore the Council to be taken into account.
8. The views of Cabinet are therefore sought on the Police and Crime Plan for Wiltshire as attached. The Council's draft response to the Plan is attached at Appendix 3 for Cabinet's consideration.

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Background Papers

Unpublished documents relied upon to a material extent in preparing this report:

None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Wiltshire Police and Crime Plan
Appendix 2 – Report of the Police and Crime Panel dated 1 March 2013
Appendix 3 – Draft Council response