

LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – 24 September 2019

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

At its meeting on Tuesday 24 September 2019, the Police and Crime Panel considered the Police and Crime Commissioner's draft Annual Report 2018/19. The comments of the Panel in response to the report are summarised below:

The Police and Crime Panel thank the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for a clear and comprehensive report which covers the full breadth of the PCC's work. The pictorials containing numerical data are particularly useful in enabling the reader to understand at a glance the relevant statistics, and they link in well with the Police and Crime Plan.

The Panel commends the PCC for the emphasis throughout the report on partnership working and is particularly thankful for the support the PCC provides Community Safety Partnerships. The Panel also welcomes the focus on prevention and working with young people. The Panel applauds the investment from the PCC in peer mentoring for both young people in communities and those on the streets. The Panel notes the impact peer mentoring has had in Glasgow as part of the Public Health approach utilised there. The Panel is in strong support of peer mentoring particularly the use of people with relevant life experience to provide the mentoring, and the Panel would welcome further detail regarding peer mentoring in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland at a future Panel meeting.

The Panel also looks forward to receiving a report at a future meeting regarding the other initiatives the PCC is funding and how the success of those initiatives is measured. The Panel notes that the impact of crime tackling measures can be difficult to judge and one suggestion could be to look at whether communities feel safer as a result of measures implemented.

The Panel notes that the Annual Report states that the levels of recorded Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) incidents have shown a general reduction over the last two years. At the meeting on 24 September the Panel asked the PCC whether he believed incidents of ASB were decreasing or whether it was only the reporting of ASB that was decreasing. The PCC stated that in his view ASB was under reported but that he believed the number of incidents were decreasing as well. The Panel will keep this under review and looks forward to further updates regarding levels of ASB.

The Panel appreciates the detail in the Annual Report regarding the PCC's actions and initiatives to tackle rural crime. Rural crime is a significant issue and victims of rural crime can be amongst the most vulnerable.

The Panel welcomes the increase of 60 patrol officers in neighbourhood police areas as referred to in the Annual Report and also notes from the report that the Police and Crime Commissioner has resolved to maintain the number of PCSOs at 181. The Panel thanks the PCC for the further clarification he gave at the meeting on 24

September regarding officer numbers and the use of reserves. The Panel looks forward to further updates in relation to funding announcements from central Government.

Overall the Panel congratulates the Police and Crime Commissioner on a good report though notes that there is always more work to be done.