

## REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**TITLE:** Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales' Annual Report

**DATE:** 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**PURPOSE:** For Noting

<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b></p> <p>That the Police and Crime Panel considers and responds to the attached Annual Report for the financial year 2019/20 as required by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTION &amp; BACKGROUND</u></b></p> <p>The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (Section 12) must produce and present an annual report for the Police and Crime Panel. The attached report highlights progress in 2019-20 towards delivering the priorities in the Police &amp; Crime Plan 2018-21 and following the panel will be published on the Police and Crime Commissioners website.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b><u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u></b></p> <p>The financial challenge faced by South Wales Police remains significant and yet we have continued to deliver social and economic benefit to South Wales in recent years; this has only been achieved through our determination to focus on early intervention and prompt, positive action, working with partners to be ever more effective. The tail end of this report was also the start of the COVID-19 period. We will reflect upon the crisis in full when it is time to publish my annual report for the next financial year. In the meantime, I must emphasise that my commitment to the communities of South Wales remains unwavering even in the face of this unprecedented crisis.</p> <p>During 2019/2020, we have continued to focus on vulnerability by delivering the Drive programme in Cardiff and Cwm Taf, as well as launching the Joint Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy (2019 - 2024) in conjunction with South Wales Police and partners. The Drive programme challenges the behaviour of high risk, high harm perpetrators of domestic violence and abuse to reduce victimisation and reoffending.</p> <p>In October 2019 we launched the Joint Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy (2019 - 2024) to much acclaim. The launch was attended by Deputy First Minister Jane Hutt, who praised the commitment of South Wales Police, my team and Welsh Government to achieving sustainable change by taking a Public Health approach to this issue. Informed by the lived experiences of survivors, the strategy sets out the principles that underpin our desire to work in close partnership towards the eradication of all forms of violence and abuse against women and girls.</p>

	<p>The further roll out of the Drive programme and launch of the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy are further examples of our commitment to early intervention and prevention, as already demonstrated by our work around Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) and traumainformed practises in previous years. Writing in The Times in September 2019, Chief Inspector of Constabulary Tom Windsor challenged police forces across England and Wales to do more to prevent crime and disorder. South Wales Police was the only Force named for good work in this area, which was said to be 'paying rich dividends, not only in saving police time, but much more importantly in the reduction in human suffering and the waste of human potential'. The comments are a ringing endorsement of our approach as leaders in this field.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b><u>NEXT STEPS</u></b> The Police and Crime Panel are required to note and comment, the report will then be published on the Police and Crime Commissioners website.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u></b> There are financial implications to the delivery of the police and crime plan which are fully articulated within the Medium Term Financial Plan which has also been discussed at the panel.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b><u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u></b> The majority of the Policing and Crime Budget covers Police Officer and Police Staff salaries and employer's contributions. The plan takes account of the pressure on the budget and drive the efficient and effective use of the budget in a planned and timely manner. The annual report reflects these challenges.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b><u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u></b> Producing the annual report particularly in the light of: (i) any report or recommendations made by the police and crime panel; and (ii) any changes in the strategic policing requirement (iii) statutory responsibilities of the Commissioner under the Police Reform and Social Responsibilities Act 2011.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b><u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u></b> This proposal has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Strategic Equality Plan and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.</p> <p>In preparing this report, consideration has been given to the requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b><u>RISK</u></b> A timely decision will minimise the risk to the compliance with the Police</p>

	Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
<b>10.</b>	<b><u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u></b> This report will be placed on the website of both the Commissioner and the Police and Crime Panel.
<b>11.</b>	<b><u>CONTACT OFFICER</u></b> Lee Jones, Chief Executive to the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales.
<b>12.</b>	<b><u>ANNEXES</u></b> The Annexe to this report is a copy of the Annual report for noting.