

REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

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

DATE: 14th September 2021

PURPOSE: For Noting

1.	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> That the Police and Crime Panel considers and responds to the attached Annual Report for the financial year 2020/21 as required by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
2.	<u>INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND</u> 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 2020-21 towards delivering the priorities in the Police & Crime Plan 2021-24 and following the panel will be published on the Police and Crime Commissioners website.
3.	<u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u> The Annual report for the financial year 2020/2021, summarises the work the Commissioners team have undertaken throughout the Covid-19 pandemic which presented a range of challenges during an unprecedented period in history. It has also been a year in which we've experienced significant change with regards to the operational leadership of South Wales Police, with Matt Jukes leaving us to assume the role of Assistant Commissioner in the Metropolitan Police and following a rigorous selection process, the Commissioner was pleased to appoint Jeremy Vaughan as our new Chief Constable. The Commissioner is confident that in Jeremy we have the right person with the right skills and commitment to lead South Wales Police through the challenging times ahead and building on the firm foundations that are now in place. To assist this transition, the team have provided significant support and stable leadership, whilst continuing to provide healthy challenge as a 'critical friend' to the Force, ensuring that the communities of South Wales receive the highest standards of policing. 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. 2020/21 was dominated by Covid-19, with every facet of our lives impacted

	<p>due to the pandemic, accompanied by significant impact on service provision and demand. While there was a level of consistency across policing in England and Wales, for the first time the police in Wales faced the challenges of enforcing significant legislation set down by Welsh Government rather than at Westminster and of seeking to persuade the public to live with key messages like “Stay Home, Save Lives, Protect the NHS”.</p> <p>Working with our partners at both a local and national level, the increase in effective communication and collaborative working was not only exemplary but developed organically and accelerated so that the relationships became even stronger week by week. We are all determined to maintain and further develop this approach even after the pandemic and its demands are behind us.</p>
4.	<p><u>NEXT STEPS</u></p> <p>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>
5.	<p><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>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>
6.	<p><u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>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>
7.	<p><u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>Producing the annual report particularly in the light of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
8.	<p><u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>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>
9.	<p><u>RISK</u></p>

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