

REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

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

DATE: 14th September 2021

PURPOSE: For Noting

1.	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> That the Police and Crime Panel considers and notes the attached reports for the financial year 2019/20 summarising formal scrutiny and engagement as required by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
2.	<u>INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND</u> The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 states that the Police & Crime Commissioner for South Wales has a statutory duty and electoral mandate to hold South Wales Police to account on behalf of the public. He works to ensure the effective and efficient operation of the force by working together with the Chief Constable, aiming to provide the best possible police service to South Wales. The Commissioner uses a range of ways to ensure that formal scrutiny of the force takes place throughout the year. As well as the weekly contact he has with Chief Officers in the force, the Commissioner chairs a Strategic Board on a quarterly basis. This is where he formally holds the Chief Constable to account in relation to crime reduction, force performance, and the delivery of priorities in the Police & Crime Plan. Further detail on these arrangements are laid out in the jointly agreed Manual of Governance and Annual Governance Statement. The Commissioner also has a duty to make arrangements for obtaining the views of people within each neighbourhood about crime and disorder in that neighbourhood (section 34). The attached reports highlight activity in 2020-21 in relation to scrutiny (holding to account) and engagement.
3.	<u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u> This scrutiny annual summary outlines the activity that was conducted via the scrutiny programme during the financial year 2020/21. Annex A The engagement report summarises the core engagement activity that the Commissioner and his team have undertaken during the 2020-21 financial year and is aligned with the priority areas set out in our Engagement Strategy.
4.	<u>NEXT STEPS</u> The Police and Crime Panel are asked to note and comment, the report will then be published on the Police and Crime Commissioners website.

5.	<p><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>There are financial implications to the delivery of the work of the team which are articulated within the Medium Term Financial Plan.</p>
6.	<p><u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>The plans take account of the pressure on the budget and drive the efficient and effective use of the budget in a planned and timely manner.</p>
7.	<p><u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>Producing the reports 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> <p>A timely decision will minimise the risk to the compliance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.</p>
10.	<p><u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u></p> <p>This reports will be placed on the website of both the Commissioner and the Police and Crime Panel.</p>
11.	<p><u>CONTACT OFFICER</u></p> <p>Lee Jones, Chief Executive to the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales.</p>
12.	<p><u>ANNEXES</u></p> <p>The Annexe to this report is a copy of the Annual report for noting.</p>