

# **NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

## **REPORT OF THE PANEL CHAIRMAN**

### **TO THE NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

#### **DRAFT POLICE AND CRIME PLAN**

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. This report describes the views and recommendations of the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel in respect of the Commissioner's draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017 for North Yorkshire. It is submitted to the Commissioner in accordance with the requirements of section 28(3) (6) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the Act).
2. The Panel would like to thank you for attending its meeting on Thursday 21 March 2013 and the responses which you provided to the wide variety of questions and issues that Panel Members raised. The Panel considered that this was a helpful discussion at which you explained the rationale behind your draft Plan and answered the Panel's questions.
3. The report expresses the Panel's preparedness to support the draft plan as submitted, and also sets out the Panel's comments on some specific points that it wishes to bring to your attention for further consideration when finalising the Plan for publication.

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4. Section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act requires Police and Crime Commissioners to issue a Police and Crime Plan by 31 March 2013. The steps which the Act requires the Commissioner to take prior to issuing the Plan include requirements to:
  - send the draft plan to the relevant Police and Crime Panel
  - have regard to any report or recommendations made by the Panel in relation to the draft plan
  - give the Panel a response to any such report or recommendations, and
  - publish any such response.
5. The Panel is required to review the draft plan and to make a report or recommendations on it to the Commissioner.

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6. The Panel considered the draft Police and Crime Plan for North Yorkshire at its meeting on 21 March 2013. In doing so, the Panel had particular regard to the following matters which are required to be included in such plans:

- the Commissioner's police and crime objectives;
- the policing of the police area which the Chief Constable is to provide;
- financial and other resources which the elected local policing body is to provide to the chief officer of police for the chief officer to exercise the functions of chief officer;
- the means by which the Chief Constable reports to the Commissioner;
- the means by which the Chief Constable's performance in providing policing will be measured;
- the crime and disorder reduction grants which the elected local policing body is to make, and the conditions (if any) to which such grants are to be made.

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL

7. The membership of the Panel for the 21 March meeting was as follows

Harrogate Borough Council	Cllr Margaret Atkinson
North Yorkshire County Council	Cllr Carl Les
Richmondshire District Council	Cllr Mick Griffiths
Ryedale District Council	Cllr Eric Hope
Selby District Council	Cllr Gillian Ivey
City of York Council	Cllr Fiona Fitzpatrick
Community Member	Professor Gary Craig

### PANEL VIEWS

8. The Panel recognised that your Police and Crime Plan differs in style and approach from Policing Plans produced for Police Authorities, and covers wider community safety and criminal justice services.
9. It also noted that if you make crime and disorder reduction grants for 2013/14, these will also be included in the Plan in accordance with the Act's requirements.

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10. Panel Members appreciated your responses to their detailed questions on a number of aspects. In particular, I was pleased to hear your acknowledgment that reference needed to be made in the final plan to the key role of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Panel members also made the following points which you agreed to consider including in the the final, published version of the plan:

- Ensure that the commitment to prevention, in the widest sense, is reflected and explicit in the text, especially the section that refers to harm reduction.
- Make more explicit in the plan, references to the commitment to equality and diversity, and meeting the needs of minority groups. The Panel heard an account from Professor Gary Craig of the formal response of Racial Justice in North Yorkshire (RAJINY) which is understood to include comments relating to; recognising minorities as a vulnerable group; including an explicit commitment to robust diversity policies and improving mechanisms for reporting and tackling race hate crime, and improved direct contact with representative groups of minorities.

### **PANEL DECISION**

11. At the meeting you agreed to take these comments and suggestions on board and consider appropriate changes to the plan. Given this undertaking, the Panel did not consider it needed to take the formal step of setting these out as a formal recommendation.

12. I am happy therefore to confirm the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel's support for your Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017.

### **DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE**

13. The Panel was advised on the proposed “new evaluation framework, with corresponding action plans and key deliverables”. The robustness of that framework is, of course, critical in enabling you and the Panel to judge delivery of the ambitions set out in the Plan. The Panel therefore welcomes the intention that this be made available for consideration at its July meeting. In the meantime, I would like to thank you for briefing the Panel of your plans for streamlining decision making, and proposals for a changed management structure.

### **CARL LES**

Chairman, North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

22 March 2013