

SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Protocol between the Police and Crime Panel and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey

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SUMMARY

This report encloses the proposed Protocol between the Police and Crime Panel and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey. The purpose of the protocol is to formalise good working practices between both parties to ensure the effectiveness of measures aimed at reducing crime and disorder and enhancing public safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Police and Crime Panel is asked to:

- i. Agree the protocol in Appendix 1;
- ii. Commend the protocol to the Police and Crime Commissioner;

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Given the common aims of both the Commissioner and the Panel, it is important that they work in a climate of mutual respect and courtesy. The Protocol intends to guide the development of their relationship.

2.0 ANALYSIS AND PROGRESS

- 2.1 The protocol has been drawn up in consultation with all members of the Police and Crime Panel and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 2.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Police and Crime Panel are creatures of statute only recently established. They will need time to establish themselves and their modus operandi. It is therefore acknowledged that the Protocol will need to be revisited in 12 months' time to assess how it is working and to consider whether its scope is appropriate.

3.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Police and Crime Panel have a shared aim to reduce crime and enhance public safety for *all* residents of Surrey. The Protocol will help assist with this process.

4.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Panel is asked to agree the Protocol, as contained in Appendix 1.

5.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Agreeing the Protocol will help guide and develop the relationship between the Police and Crime Panel and the Police and Crime Commissioner, ensuring good working practices and a climate of mutual respect and courtesy.

6.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 6.1 Once agreed, the Protocol will form the basis of the relationship between the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 6.2 The Protocol will be reviewed in 12 months' time.

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