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DORSET POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S (PCC) ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATED POLICE AND CRIME PLAN - COMMENTS ON DRAFTS

1. Thank you for the opportunity for the Dorset Police and Crime Panel (PCP) to provide feedback on the draft PCC's Annual Report for Financial Year (FY) 17/18, which you presented on 26 Jun 2018. At the meeting, it was agreed that comments from Panel members would be sought and collated in order to provide a single response from the PCP. In addition, the OPCC also requested a view from the panel on the refreshed Police and Crime Plan (2018).

2. The Dorset PCP responses and observations that have been received to these two papers are at:

- Annex A - Annual Report for FY 17/18.
- Annex B - Police and Crime Plan - 2018 Refresh.

3. The Dorset PCP is anticipative that these two Annexes will assist in finalising and publishing these important documents. It is noted that the Annual Report is currently in embryonic draft; the OPCC is requested to issue the final draft to the PCP prior to formal promulgation.

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Annexes:

- A. Dorset PCP Comments on the Draft OPCC Annual Report for FY 17/18.
- B. Dorset PCP Comments on the Draft OPCC Police and Crime Plan - 2018 Refresh.

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DORSET PCP COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT OPCC ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 17/18

GENERAL

1. The PCP welcomes the alignment of the Annual Report to the same structure now being used for the PCC/PCP Quarterly Monitoring Report. It is noted that the Forward is still in a very skeletal format and therefore it is requested that the PCP have sight of the final draft of the whole document prior to publication.
2. One key area (detail below) that the panel would like to see reported on throughout the whole paper is the *effect* that the PCC's hard earned effort has had for the benefit of Dorset residents.

OVERVIEW

3. **Forward.** As outlined above, the Forward has yet to be drafted. The PCP recommends that the following be considered:
 - Full overview of the positive *effect* that the PCC has managed to achieve over the last year.
 - Understanding that the PCC is the conduit between the Police and the public, it may be useful to provide a flavour of the direction that the PCC, on behalf of his constituents, has given to the Chief Constable, in line with his Police and Crime Plan. This could be framed around:
 - Issues Under Commissioner Scrutiny - Provide detail of direction, outcome and effect.
 - PCC Challenge - Provide detail of direction, outcome and effect.
 - The box at the bottom of the *Forward* page includes "maintaining a visible police presence". This is one of the public's key requirements - the PCC may wish to highlight what activity he has pursued over the last year in order to meet this statement.
4. **Pillars - Generic.** The PCC is requested to provide detail of the effect that has been achieved over the last year within the "Police & Crime Progress" and "Commissioning Grants", along with benchmarks of success. There may be a consideration to include the work undertaken on Registered Intermediaries and the host of other (below the radar) national activities performed, in year, by the PCC.
5. It would also be useful, leading into the proposed merger of OPCC's¹, to outline public engagement successes over the last year - especially the outcomes/effect from the PCC Problem Solving Forums. This would help shape future thinking for the "how" of the "public engagement" element of the proposed new PCC's remit, which will be from the Isle of Scilly to Christchurch (should the merger proceed).
6. It is assumed that the final report will have the Budget Outturn detail for FY 17/18.

¹ Dorset and Devon & Cornwall.

DORSET PCP COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT OPCC POLICE AND CRIME PLAN - 2018 REFRESH

GENERAL

1. The Dorset PCP welcomes the updated Police and Crime Plan; the inclusion of "Support to Dorset Police with initiatives focussed on the mental health of officers and staff" is a particular issue that is timely and, is believed, must be addressed. Indeed, all the amendments to the plan are insightful and worthy of inclusion.
2. The purpose of the notes below is to highlight areas that the PCP believes should be scoped by the OPCC for inclusion, and other minor issues.

OVERVIEW

3. It is known that there are certain areas of Dorset that suffer an above average level of illegal/legal substance abuse. This issue brings with it criminal activity, ranging from the minor to Serious and Organised Crime¹, all these levels of crime generate the caveat of Threat, Risk and Harm to the general population of Dorset. Illegal drugs cause serious damage to communities through drug-related violence, anti-social behaviour, acquisitive crime and knife and firearms offences. Between a third and a half of all acquisitive crime is drug-related at the national level. Moreover, this issue can lead to the death of substance abuse users. The additional pressure on Frontline Policing due to the Mental Health fall out from drug misuse must also be taken into consideration.
4. Therefore, the PCP would wish to see a higher profile (County Lines accepted) of the overall drug misuse issue across Dorset and what planning action the PCC is proposing to undertake (including multi-agency activity co-ordination) in all of the four Pillars² in order to reduce the pressure being placed on communities and Frontline Policing by drug abuse.

MINOR POINTS

5. The OPCC may wish to highlight those Issues Under Commissioner Scrutiny being considered for the forthcoming year.
6. Page 11 - "I will continue to hold the Chief Constable..." - sign post here to page 20, which has the "how" detail.
7. Page 18 - the PCC is no longer the national lead for Mental Health.
8. Page 5 - Consider date change under the PCC Signature.

¹ Organised crime groups are responsible for: the trafficking of drugs, people and firearms, organised illegal immigration, large-scale and high-volume fraud and other financial crimes, counterfeit goods (including medicines), organised acquisitive crime and cyber-crime. The UK's illegal drugs market, which is controlled by organised crime, is still worth about £3.7 billion a year and led to over 2000 drug-related deaths in 2012/15 (across the UK). The social and economic costs of organised illegal drugs supply in the UK are estimated to be £10.7 billion per year.

² Currently, it would seem to have a single sentence in Pillar 4 (page 18).