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**CABINET
22 AUGUST, 2013
POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER’S PLAN
- PROPOSED DRAFT RESPONSE**

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an opportunity for Cabinet to discuss the proposed response to the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Safer, Fairer, United Communities Plan 2013-18.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet note the proposed draft response and agree a final version to be forwarded to the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Office.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner has published ‘Safer, Fairer, United Communities 2013-18, the draft PCC Plan for Staffordshire. This Plan is a key document in respect of how the PCC intends to work with partners in delivering Community Safety work across Staffordshire. As Cabinet are aware, the Council is the lead organisation in respect of the District’s Partnership working and a local Community Safety Delivery Plan is currently being implemented by the Council and its partners. It is important to ensure that the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Plan complements the work already established within the District and that the Plan ensures scope for local flexibility and delivery of services.
- 3.2 The attached draft response identifies the need for the Plan to include more detail in respect of how the PCC intends to work with District Partnerships.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

4.1 This report supports the Council's Corporate Priorities as follows:

(i) The Partnership vision is shared with this Council and the Council's priorities were established alongside the development of the Partnership priorities as set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy. Therefore the Partnership Delivery Plan includes actions which contribute to all of the Council's priorities and in particular, through the Economic, Health and Community Safety activities, will contribute to the Prosperity, People and Place priorities respectively.

It is essential that the Police and Crime Commissioner's Plan complements the LSP's Delivery Plan to ensure that all partners will be in a position to continue to deliver against the activities agreed locally.

5 Report Detail

5.1 See proposed response in Appendix 1

6 Implications**6.1 Financial**

None

6.2 Legal

None

6.3 Human Resources

There are no identified HR implications for Cannock Chase Council at the present time in relation to the consultation response. Implications may need to be reconsidered when the final Police and Crime Commissioner's Safer, Fairer, United Communities Plan 2013-18 is circulated

6.4 Section 17 (Crime Prevention)

The Partnership Delivery Plan is integral in ensuring that this Authority, and our partners meet the statutory duty placed upon the 'Responsible Authorities' under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

6.5 Human Rights Act

None

6.6 Data Protection

None

6.7 Risk Management

None

6.8 Equality & Diversity

Council involvement in specific projects may be subject to an Equality Impact Assessment

6.9 Best Value

None

7 Appendices to the Report

Appendix 1

Proposed Response

Previous Consideration

Background Papers

PROPOSED RESPONSE

Dear Mr Ellis

Response to Consultation in respect of Safer, Fairer, United Communities 2013-2018

Thank you for consulting Cannock Chase District Council on Safer, Fairer, United Communities for Staffordshire 2013-2018. The Council's Cabinet has considered this document and has agreed the following response/questions:

- Cannock Chase Council are concerned that the Plan lacks detail on *how* much of the practice/intentions set out in the Plan will be achieved. The document reads more like an over-arching Strategy than a detailed Plan of what is to be achieved, when, how and by whom.
- Whilst the Council welcomes the references through the Plan to local solutions and focus, the Plan does not give any detail with respect as to how the Office of the PCC will ensure two-way dialogue and joint planning/delivery of community safety priorities with local Partnerships. Furthermore the Plan includes references to commissioning at a local level; however it does not detail how this will be achieved in practice and whether commissioning will be against outcomes or prescribed services.
- The priorities set out in the Plan do correspond broadly with those agreed by our local Community Safety Partnership. It would, however, be useful to understand how these priorities have been identified and what evidence base has been used to develop them. Furthermore it would be beneficial to identify the current best practice in place across the County in respect of these priorities and to provide some detail on how this work will be complemented and built on through this Plan. This is particularly relevant for Cannock Chase in respect of the victim priority; we have resourced a Vulnerable Persons' service which focuses solely on the needs of the victim/vulnerable person.
- In respect of the 'Victims' priority, how will the PCC ensure that people likely to be vulnerable to becoming victims are also prioritised?
- The Plan details 'Partnership Collaboration' and goes on to list a wide-range of County-wide partners; how will the PCC ensure collaboration with local CSP/LSPs?
- The concept of an Early Intervention Plan is welcomed however further detail is required to understand how this will link with current work in this area (such as the Building Resilient Families initiative). Furthermore, it would be useful to understand which organisations the PCC intends to work with in developing the EIP.

- The Community Safety Fund is referenced in the Plan but further detail is required to understand how local communities can benefit from this fund and how it will be distributed. Cannock Chase LSP has received funding from this fund for the first six months of 2013/14; when can it expect to hear detail about the second half of this funding? Furthermore, how will this funding be distributed? Previous criteria for allocating funding has not used a needs-base relevant to the County community safety priorities or key demographic information including deprivation and unemployment.
- The Council understands that the national requirements placed on this Plan include a need to detail what Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants will be made available.
- Is it intended that any reorganisation of the Police Service will be done in consultation with all interested parties/affected organisations?
- Further detail on both County and District demography, crime statistics and deprivation would be useful to include in the Plan and to reference how the Plan is shaped to take into account the communities across the County.
- The governance section of the Plan includes very little detail on how the PCC intends to implement this Plan in partnership with local Community Safety Plans. Further detail is required to understand how the PCC intends to have two-way dialogue with District Partnerships and greater clarity on the governance structure is essential.