

Greater Manchester Police, Fire and Crime Panel

Date: 18th November 2024
Subject: Police and Crime Plan
Report of: Kate Green, Deputy Mayor for Safer and Stronger Communities

Purpose of Report

This report provides the Police, Fire and Crime Panel with a brief outline and summary of the draft new Standing Together: Police and Crime Plan, which accompanies it. It requests that the Panel consider the draft and provide the Mayor with their report / recommendations on the draft prior to the Plan being designed and then published.

Recommendations:

The Police, Fire and Crime Panel is asked to:

1. Consider the draft Police and Crime Plan and provide the Mayor with their report or recommendations on the draft to fulfil their statutory requirements.¹

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Report authors must identify which paragraph relating to the following issues:

¹ [Police, Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, section 28, 3 a and b](#)

Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment:

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been drafted as part of the development of the Plan and is in the process of being signed-off. The findings have influenced the development of the equalities' actions within the Plan.

Risk Management

There is a legal requirement to publish a police and crime plan within the financial year of the election of the Mayor (by 31 March 2025). Failure to complete this may risk reputational damage to the Mayor and GMCA.

Legal Considerations

Section 5(1) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, as modified by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions to the Mayor) Order 2017, says:- 1) The police and crime commissioner for a police area must issue a police and crime plan within the financial year in which each election for the return of a Mayor is held. (13) In this section — “financial year” means the financial year of the combined authority.

Financial Consequences – Revenue

The Mayor will propose the PCC precept to the Police, Fire and Crime Panel in January 2025. In the last financial year this represented 26% of the overall police budget, the remainder being made up of Home Office grant. At this stage, it is envisaged that the amount of the Home Office core grant will become known in early December. This process will also confirm delegated revenue funds to district community safety partnerships.

Financial Consequences – Capital

No additional capital implications other than those included in the report to as above.

Number of attachments to the report:

Draft Plan on a Page (to follow)

Draft Police and Crime Plan (attached)

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

N/A – Police, Fire and Crime Panel undertake the overview and scrutiny role.

Background Papers

Standing Together: Police and Crime Plan 2022-2025 [GM Standing Together Police and crime plan](#)

Tracking/ Process

Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution

Yes

Exemption from call in

Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?

The Police and Crime Plan is not subject to the call-in process of the GMCA overview and scrutiny committees.

Bee Network Committee

N/A

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

N/A

1. Introduction/Background

1.1 The Police, Fire and Crime Panel received a report in July 2024 which outlined the approach to developing the new Police and Crime Plan.

1.2 Engaging with partners and communities has been a central element in the development of the Plan and the priorities contained within it. It has included hosting engagement events with over 250 participants, a public consultation with almost 800 responses, a partner consultation with over 100 responses, and attendance and inputs at relevant Greater Manchester and Community Safety Governance Boards.

1.3 Findings from the consultation and the engagement sessions have been used to develop the actions, ways of working and equalities commitments within the Plan.

1.4 A report was presented to the Police, Fire and Crime Steering Group in October which updated them on progress towards developing the new Plan and outlined areas which were being considered as commitments.

2. Police and Crime Plan - priorities

2.1 The Police and Crime Plan will have three core principles and missions:

- To Keep People Safe and Support Victims.
- Reduce Harm and Offending.
- Strengthen Communities and Tackle Inequality.

2.2 The three core principles will be delivered via 10 commitments. Some are continuations from the last Plan, as these remain relevant, and which require a collaborative approach between statutory partnerships, businesses, the VCFSE sector and local communities – such as reducing and preventing neighbourhood crime, retail crime and anti-social behaviour. Other commitments however are new. This includes a new commitment to improving trust and confidence in policing. The Plan also contains 15 equality actions throughout, that reflect specific action required to address inequality.

2.3 The consultation and engagement has supported the development of new areas of focus, with the two most important being improving public trust and confidence and the development of specific commitments related to tackling inequalities.

2.4 An undesignated, draft Plan is attached to this report for members of the Panel's consideration.

3. Plan on a Page

3.1 A draft Plan on a Page which outlines the 10 commitments and the ways of working which will underpin it, will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

4. Next steps

4.1 Following the Police, Fire and Crime Panel considering the Plan and making recommendations to the Mayor, it is intended that it will be published before the end of this year.

4.2 The Plan will be fully designed prior to publication and the Panel will be informed of the proposed launch date.

4.3 Recommendations are at the beginning of this report.