

AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

5 NOVEMBER 2024

SCRUTINY OF THE DRAFT AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2024-29

Background

The legislation that sets out the requirements for plans and the related processes are:

- [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#) – particularly sections 5, 7 and 28
- [Police Act 1996](#) – section 96(1A)

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Clare Moody, was elected into and took office in May 2024.

The PCC has a duty to “issue a police and crime plan within the financial year in which each ordinary election is held”. The draft of the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Plan 2024-29 is attached as **Annex A**.

The Police and Crime Panel is required to —

- S28 (a) review the draft police and crime plan, or draft variation, given to the panel by the relevant Police and Crime Commissioner in accordance with section 5(6)(c), and
- S28 (b) make a report or recommendations on the draft plan or variation to the commissioner.

Development of the plan

An Advisory Board, including Julie Knight and Cllr John Bradbury, representing the Police and Crime Panel, and Steering Group were convened to oversee development of the plan.

The draft Plan was prepared based on the five priorities outlined in the PCC’s manifesto:

- Strengthening Neighbourhood Policing
- Reducing Violent Crime: with a focus on Male Violence Against Women and Girls, and Serious Youth Violence
- Preventing Crime
- Supporting Victims of Crime
- Improving Standards of Policing

An initial Equality Analysis was prepared to inform the consultation process. Consultation ran from 15 August – 21 October 2024, comprising:

- Online survey
- Public Forum events
- Focus Groups
- Stakeholder consultation

Next steps

The Panel are requested to provide a written response within 2 weeks to enable the plan to be finalised, in consultation with the Chief Constable.

The final plan will be presented to the Panel on 10 December 2024.

Annex A – Draft Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Plan 2024-29

[PCP 24-29 final draft](#)