



Development of the 2024-29 Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Plan Update to Panel Members Report

Since our report dated 22nd October 2024, the Police and Crime Plan Advisory Board (Advisory Board) have met online on 29th October in a meeting chaired by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Outcome of Public Consultation

They received over 1145 survey responses and continue to include late submissions. Given the free text structure of the survey, they are still working through the initiatives that respondents suggested as ways to achieve the plan. They report having received good responses from all 5 local authorities and many key stakeholders. Some suggestions reflect work that is underway. Others may be quick to implement whilst others may be more challenging. Some suggestions are outside the PCC's role and control.

They have implemented a process to consider what the OPCC, police and partners could lead on, so the right people and organisation are lined up to take feasible things forward. They have met with police leads around this viability, including Assistant Chief Constable Will White. The OPCC Chief of Staff Alice Ripley will consider what the OPCC can lead on and the OPCC Director of Policy and Partnerships, Marc Hole and the Violence Reduction Partnership Serious Violence Director Natalie Lavis are looking to work with the Community Safety Partnerships, Violence Reduction Partnerships and the Local Criminal Justice Board and other areas. This is to ensure a partnership approach to deliver against the priorities.

Other headlines

The constabulary have reviewed the revised 2024-9 Police and Crime Plan (Plan) and have confirmed that it aligns with their strategy and governance structure. The Plan has now been signed off by the Chief Constable.

They welcomed our thoughtful, balanced assessment in our report (dated 22nd October) and the recognition that they have acted on our feedback following the 2021-5 Plan development to inform their approach.

They have worked to create a significant communications engagement plan with the public as well as more internal approach with the constabulary.

Next Steps

In readiness for our Police and Crime Panel meeting on 5th November, we have specifically asked for more detail about:



- Consultation outcomes - what did the public say
- How that 'public voice' has informed the Plan, showing that people have been heard
- More detail about the Constabulary's response to the Plan
- Stage 4 Implementation approach, including the action plan development and securing buy-in from partners
- Developing local plans

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