

**Devon and Cornwall Police Authority Planning and Consultation Committee
15 November 2005**

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Joint Report of Deputy Chief Constable and the Chief Constable

**Production of Devon and Cornwall Police Authority Annual Policing Plan 2006/07
& Strategic Plan 2006/09**

Recommendation(s):

- (i) Committee to note contents of report and draft template as at Annex A**

Introduction / Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on the production and publication of the Devon & Cornwall Police Authority Annual and Strategic Plans for 2006/07 and beyond.
2. As per statutory requirements, the above documents incorporate the Police Authority Annual Plan 2005/06 and the Best Value Performance Plan in line with Best Value and Planning Guidance 2003.
3. Draft Plan Template attached at Annex A.

Background Information

4. A working group has been established to progress the production of the plans for the forthcoming year. This group incorporates three Police Authority members, the Force Corporate Planning Officer as practitioner and a representative from the Corporate Communications Department. The first working group meeting will take place on 4 November 2005.

Content

5. Content will be in line with statutory requirements as stated at 2. and will incorporate the key strategic policing priorities as outlined within the [Draft] National Community Safety Plan 2006/09. The plans will outline how these national priorities are taken account of locally [Force] and the actions undertaken to address these issues.
6. Content and more specifically, the development of targets within the plans, will also take account of public consultation regarding local policing priorities and on-going work engaging with our partners to align key priorities and objectives.
7. Further clarity around our strategic direction and policing promises to the public for the future will be included within the plans, in support of the Force Vision, Mission and Values. Work is on-going with the Corporate Communications Department to develop this and create a more visually impactful and meaningful design.

Publication

8. The [draft] plans template, attached at Annex A, effectively illustrates one on-line document incorporating clear distinctions between the annual 'delivery' plan and the longer term strategic issues. Clear links and cross-referencing within each plan will support our commitment to improved communication of policing information and will make the documents more meaningful as evidence of our ability to co-ordinate short and long-term planning.
9. This format allows for one foreword [as for 2005/06] and one contents page, again, incorporating aspects from each document and a clear outline of the plan structure in the short and longer-term. The contents page would in effect highlight the aim of having a document outlining our strategic direction for the future supported by an annual 'delivery' plan.
10. Whilst it was agreed for 2005/06 that a pdf version of the document would not be produced, for the forthcoming year it would be beneficial to publish a text version to allow members of the public and staff to print pages or the document as a whole, with ease. It is not uncommon for police authorities to publish a text only version of large documents and this would also support Force obligations relating to disability discrimination.

Local Policing Summaries

11. The production of local policing summaries is required by the Serious, Organised Crime and Policing Act 2005 [Miscellaneous]. As a result of this legislation, the first summaries must be produced 'as soon as possible' after April 2006. The content of these summaries will be prescribed in guidance yet to be formalised, however, there is some flexibility around format and level of publication i.e neighbourhood beat level, BCU or Force level.
12. Members have agreed previously that summaries will be published at BCU level. Pending Home Office guidance on format, a standard template will be produced with information then published according to the relevant area. Corporate Communications Department will be responsible for the co-ordination of these.
13. Further discussion will take place on the production of these summaries within the working group as previously outlined.

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