

**Report To:** Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 29 October 2024

**Subject:** Police & Crime Plan for Thames Valley

**Chief Officer:** **Matthew Barber**, Police and Crime Commissioner,  
Thames Valley Police

**Contact Officer:** **Gillian Ormond**, Chief of Staff, Thames Valley Police

**Ward(s):** All

**Exempt:** No

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the Police & Crime Commissioner's strategic priorities for Thames Valley Police.
- 1.2 These priorities are set out in the Police & Crime Plan.(Appendix A)

## 2. Recommendation/s/request for direction from the committee

- 2.1 The Committee are asked to note the update and to comment and make any recommendations they consider appropriate. Any recommendations will be passed to Cllr Shah, in her role as member of the Police and Crime Panel: the body that scrutinises the work of the PCC.

## 3. Report

### Introduction

- 3.1 This report accompanies the Police & Crime Plan adopted by the Police & Crime Commissioner earlier this year **Background**
- 3.2 The Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011 places a statutory duty on the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) to publish a Police & Crime Plan as soon as practicable within the financial year in which the election is held.
- 3.3 Prior to publication of the plan the PCC must consult the Chief Constable, send a draft to the Police & Crime Panel and have regard to the Panel's comments. A draft plan was presented to the Police & Crime Panel on 12<sup>th</sup> July. The final plan was published on 30<sup>th</sup> July.

## **4. Body of report**

- 1.1.** An earlier draft of this document has been publicly available since early 2024 in anticipation of PCC elections due in 2020.
- 1.2.** The Chief Constable, senior Thames Valley Police (TVP) officers and OPCC staff have been briefed on the content of the draft.
- 1.3.** During the PCC election campaign held in 2024 the strategic priorities and contents of the plan formed a significant part of the dialogue with the public across various channels including broadcast interviews, election literature, social media campaigning, face to face meetings, online meetings and individual conversations and correspondence.
- 1.4.** In May 2024 further work was undertaken to refine the contents of the plan to take into account the additional learning gained through those wide ranging conversations. This involved all OPCC staff in contributing to the piece of work.
- 1.5.** The Chief Constable was consulted, as required by the Act on this draft version prior to formal submission to the Panel.
- 1.6.** The plan sets out some high level success measures which set clear objectives. For each objective a broad success measure is provided that describes the areas to be monitored and the direction of travel to be achieved. As described on page 14, the performance measures will be published separately and reviewed regularly.

## **2. Summary of main findings**

- 2.1.** This plan sets out some of the key ways in which The PCC will seek to work with the police, the public and other agencies to protect Thames Valley.
- 2.2.** Thames Valley Police is the largest non-metropolitan police force in the country and covers one of the most economically productive areas. Yet we still see significant risks across our increasingly diverse population.
- 2.3.** Thames Valley Police will serve all residents, seeking to make every community safer by reducing crime and creating a more resilient society.

## **3. Appendices**

**Appendix A:** Protecting Thames Valley – Police & Crime Plan 2024-2029