



ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

Foreword from the Chair

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1. Introduction

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) were introduced through the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, which significantly changed the arrangements for police accountability and governance in England and Wales. Through this legislation Police and Crime Panels (PCPs) were established to provide scrutiny and support to PCCs.

This annual report covers the fifth and final year of the term in office of Mr Michael Lane, who was elected to serve as PCC for Hampshire from May 2016 - May 2021.

1.1. The Role of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Nationally, PCCs exist to ensure that the policing needs of their communities are met as effectively as possible, to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account. They are to give the public—to which they are directly accountable—a voice at the highest level of policing. They are expected to do this by:

- securing an efficient and effective police for their area;
- appointing the Chief Constable, holding them to account for running the force, and if necessary dismissing them;
- setting the police and crime objectives for their area through a Police and crime plan;
- setting the force budget and determining the precept;
- contributing to the national and international policing capabilities set out by the Home Secretary; and
- bringing together community safety and criminal justice partners, to make sure local priorities are joined up.

Legislation protects the operational independence of the police, making it clear that the Chief Constable retains command and control of police officers and staff.

Contact details for the PCC for Hampshire can be found in Appendix 1.

1.2. The Police & Crime Plan

The PCC sets out in a Police and Crime Plan the objectives for their term of office. This document is of great importance to the PCP as a point of reference in fulfilling its duty to scrutinise and review the actions and decisions of the PCC. Mr Lane's Plan was updated in 2020, following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. Through this plan his objectives were defined as:

1. Championing Community Needs - Support victims and those effected by crime and disorder.
2. Strengthen Partnerships – To work together to reduce crime, promote public safety and create vibrant and inclusive communities.
3. Enabling effective and efficient operational policing – Which meets the needs of the people it serves, by empowering the Chief Constable.
4. Criminal Justice - Develop services that see effective responses to crime and that tackle the root causes of offending and re-offending.

These four key strategic priorities were identified by the PCC to support his overarching objective of keeping 'you, your family, your community: safer'.

The Police and Crime plan can be found on the following webpage:

<https://issuu.com/policeandcrimecommissionerforhampsh/docs/300dplan>

1.3. The Role of the Police & Crime Panel (PCP)

The PCP is a joint scrutiny body of the local authorities in the Policing area who perform a number of functions in relation to the PCC and their role. These include:

- To review the draft Police and Crime Plan
- To scrutinise the PCC's Annual Report
- To review and scrutinise decisions and actions by the PCC
- To review and veto the PCC's proposed Council Tax precept levels
- To review the PCC's Conduct – the PCP can suspend the PCC if they are charged with 2 year imprisonable offence and report to Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC), however they cannot remove the PCC from office.
- To confirm the Chief Constable's appointment.
- To appoint an acting PCC, if required.

Hampshire PCP fulfils all of these duties in relation to the PCC for Hampshire (and the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, and Southampton, although these areas are not included in the official title of the PCC, which follows the name of the Constabulary).

Later sections of this report go into further detail on how and when each of these duties (if applicable) were fulfilled for 2020/21. The PCP can require the PCC or their staff to be in attendance at PCP meetings and can invite the Chief Constable or partners responsible for helping to assist in the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan to attend meetings the PCP (although they do not have a statutory duty to attend).

1.4. Members of the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel

The PCP is made up of representatives from each of the Local Authorities in the Hampshire Police area, which includes the cities of Portsmouth and Southampton, the Isle of Wight as well as Hampshire County Council and the 11 Borough and District authorities within it. They are joined by three additional local authority co-opted members, who sit on the PCP in order to better meet the 'balanced appointment objective', and two independent co-opted members, who are appointed through a competitive recruitment process to add to the collective spread of experience and knowledge. The PCP therefore has 20 members; the maximum size that it may be by law. All members – appointed and co-opted - have the same status and rights on the PCP.

The 15 local authorities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are:

- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
- East Hampshire Borough Council
- Eastleigh Borough Council
- Fareham Borough Council
- Gosport Borough Council
- Hampshire County Council
- Hart District Council
- Havant Borough Council
- Isle of Wight Council
- New Forest District Council
- Portsmouth City Council
- Rushmoor Borough Council
- Southampton City Council
- Test Valley Borough Council
- Winchester City Council

The PCP must be politically balanced, reflecting the political make-up of the councils in Hampshire. Each of the 15 councils has its own process for appointing its representative on the PCP. Each also has its own arrangements for PCP member expenses.

Membership of the PCP for 2020/21 was as follows:

- Councillor Lee Hunt
(*Liberal Democrat, Portsmouth City Council*)
- Councillor John Beavis MBE
(*Conservative, Gosport Borough Council*)

- Councillor Diane Andrews
(*Conservative, New Forest District Council*)
- Councillor Simon Bound
(*Conservative, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council*)
- Councillor Trevor Cartwright MBE
(*Conservative, Fareham Borough Council*)
- Mr Michael Coombes
(*Independent Co-opted Member*)
- Councillor Tonia Craig
(*Liberal Democrat, Eastleigh Borough Council*)
- Councillor Lisa Griffiths
(*Independent, Winchester City Council*)
- Councillor Narinder Bains (From July 2020)
(*Conservative, Havant Borough Council*)
- Councillor Brian Laming
(*Liberal Democrat, Additional Local Authority Co-opted Member*)
- Councillor Phillip Lashbrook
(*Conservative, Test Valley Borough Council*)
- Councillor David McKinney
(*Conservative, East Hampshire Borough Council*)
- Councillor Ken Muschamp
(*Conservative, Rushmoor Borough Council*)
- Mr Bob Purkiss MBE
(*Independent Co-opted Member*)
- Councillor James Radley
(*Community Campaign Hart, Hart District Council*)
- Councillor Dave Shields
(*Labour, Southampton City Council*)
- Councillor Lynne Stagg
(*Liberal Democrat, Additional Local Authority Co-opted Member*)
- Councillor David Stewart - **Chair**
(*Conservative, Isle of Wight Council*)
- Councillor Jan Warwick – **Vice Chair**
(*Conservative, Hampshire County Council*)

The following Members also served on the PCP during 2020/21:

- Councillor Gary Hughes (Until July 2020)
(*Conservative, Havant Borough Council*)

2. Work Programme of the PCP

2.1. Work undertaken in 2020/21

In 2020/21, the PCP undertook its statutory duties and requested to review items at its meetings that related to decisions and actions taken by the PCC for Hampshire. More details are outlined within the table below and full details of the reports can be viewed online at

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=185> :

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Key Agenda Items</u>
3 July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair and Vice Chair elected.• PCP Appointments report reviewed, and membership of working groups agreed.• PCC Police and Crime Plan delivery update heard.• PCP Annual report agreed• PCP Annual Complaints report received• PCP Financial monitoring and budget agreed.• Membership of the National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels agreed.• PCP future meetings and work programme considered.
2 October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions put to the Chief Constable of Hampshire Constabulary by Members of the PCP regarding policing during the Covid-19 pandemic.• PCC's Draft Annual report reviewed, and recommendations made to the PCC.• PCC Police and Crime Plan delivery update heard.• Update from the PCP working groups heard.• PCP future meetings and work programme considered.
29 January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrutiny of the PCC's proposed precept.• PCC Police and Crime Plan delivery update heard.• Update from the PCP working groups heard.• PCP future meetings and work programme considered.
12 March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation received from the PCC highlighting delivery throughout his term in office.• PCC's Draft Annual report reviewed, and recommendations made to the PCC.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safer Communities Fund update heard.• Equality, diversity and inclusion update heard.• Update from the PCP working groups heard.• PCP future meetings and work programme considered.
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3. Working Groups and Sub-Committee

In July 2018, the Panel's Complaints Sub-Committee was appointed as a formal Sub-Committee of the Panel, following its previous status as a working group. The Complaints Sub-Committee is responsible for handling complaints made against the PCC and for informally resolving non-criminal complaints, as well as conduct matters that are referred to the Panel by the IOPC. Meetings of the Complaints Sub-Committee are held in public, with an annual report outlining complaints activity for the previous 12 months presented to the Panel at each AGM.

The working groups of the PCP undertake activities separate to the formal meetings of the PCP in order to support the business set out within its work programme. The working groups of the PCP undertake much of the detailed work that would otherwise take up significant time in a formal public meeting. Outcomes of these meetings are reported to the PCP prior to any review of the relevant item on the agenda.

The PCP has two long-standing working groups; one that meets to consider detailed information in advance of the scrutiny of the precept, and one that meets to review the implementation of the Police and Crime Plan. During 2020/21 the PCP introduced a new working group to focus upon equality, diversity and inclusion.

Membership of these groups can be found below.

3.1. Complaints Sub-Committee

The PCP is responsible for handling complaints made against the PCC, and for informally resolving non-criminal complaints, as well as complaints or conduct matters that are referred to the PCP by the IOPC. During 2020/21 the Complaints sub-committee met once.

Meeting Date	Purpose
1 September 2021	To review complaints in line with the informal resolution process

The membership of the Sub-Committee for 2020/21 was follows:

- Councillor John Beavis MBE
- Councillor Tony Jones
- Councillor Ken Muschamp
- Bob Purkiss MBE (Chair)
- Councillor Jan Warwick

3.2. Police and Crime Plan Working Group

This working group was set up in July 2016 in order to review the draft Police and Crime Plan prior to the PCP's scrutiny of it in October 2016. It has remained active since this time for the purpose of monitoring the implementation plan, and through this to set themes for scrutiny, taking a lead on the work in this area on behalf of the PCP.

The Police and Crime Plan working group met on three occasions in 2020/21.

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
2 September 2020	Within each of the meetings, Members of the working group undertook in-depth pre-scrutiny of the quarterly progress reports, looking at delivery against the Police and Crime Plan, ahead of each PCP meeting. Meetings were attended by officers of the OPCC, who provided more detailed information for the working group to review and scrutinise. This information included a status update on those projects contributing to delivery of the plan, detail of decisions taken by the PCC in the previous quarter and an update on actions taken in response to the recommendations made by the PCP.
8 January 2021	
24 February 2021	

The membership of the Police and Crime Plan working group for 2019/20 was as follows:

- Councillor Diane Andrews
- Councillor Simon Bound (Chair)
- Councillor David McKinney
- Councillor Dave Shields

3.3. Finance Working Group

The PCP set up the Finance working group in 2012/13 in order to scrutinise the PCCs proposed budget and related financial papers, prior to the PCP's review of the proposed precept. It has continued to meet in order to review information in advance of the annual scrutiny of the proposed precept. The Finance working group met on four occasions during 2020/21.

Police and Crime Panel – Finance Working Group		
<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Overview</u>
25 November 2020	Review precept planning	Reviewed planning being undertaken by the OPCC in preparation for the precept setting.
16 December 2020		
6 January 2021		
20 January 2021	Review draft precept and associated finance papers	Reviewed draft precept and supporting information in advance of briefing the full PCP, at its meeting on 29 January 2021. Further agreed questions to be proposed by the Finance Working Group to be taken forward to the PCP meeting.

The membership of the Finance working group for 2020/21 was as follows:

- Councillor John Beavis MBE
- Michael Coombes (Chair)
- Councillor Lee Hunt
- Councillor Brian Laming
- Councillor Jan Warwick

3.4. Equality and Diversity Working Group

At its meeting of 2 October 2020, the Panel agreed to create an Equality and Diversity working group to scrutinise and support the Commissioner's pledge to support vibrant and inclusive communities across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and to enhance the work of the PCP in their statutory responsibility to contribute to the development of the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Police and Crime Plan. The working group met twice during 2020/21.

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
19 January 2021	Within each of the meetings, Members of the working group reviewed progress in matters of equality, diversity and inclusion led by the Commissioner and his office.

	Meetings were attended by officers of the OPCC, who provided more detailed information for the working group to review and scrutinise. This information included a update on strategic and operational priorities and other matters of interest, detail of decisions taken by the PCC in the previous quarter and an update on actions taken in response to recommendations made by the PCP.
5 March 2021	

The membership of the Equality and Diversity working group for 2020/21 was as follows:

- Councillor Diane Andrews
- Councillor Narinder Bains
- Councillor Simon Bound
- Bob Purkiss MBE
- Councillor Dave Shields (Chair)

4. 2021/22 Outline Work Programme

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Key Agenda Items</u>
2 July 2021 10.00am Winchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PCP Appointments report• Election of Chair and Vice Chair• Public questions• PCP Annual Report• Annual complaints report• PCP Finance Monitoring and budget• Membership of working groups• PCP future meetings and work programme
2 October 2020 10.00am Winchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public questions• PCC Draft Police and Crime Plan• PCP update from working groups• PCP future meetings and work programme
29 January 2021 10.00am Winchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public questions• PCC precept 2021/22• PCC Police and Crime Plan delivery update• PCP update from working groups• PCP future meetings and work programme
12 March 2021 10am Winchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public questions• PCC Police and Crime Plan delivery update• PCP update from working groups• PCP future meetings and work programme

Contact Details

Hampshire County Council is the Host Authority for the Hampshire Police and Crime (PCP) on behalf of the 15 local authorities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The Hampshire PCP is a joint committee of all 15 local authorities, consisting of a representative from each, three additional local authority co-opted members, and two independent co-opted members. The PCP can be contacted via:

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Papers for all meetings held in public are published online, and anyone can come along to observe:

<http://democracy.hants.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=185>

The public are encouraged to ask questions of the PCP:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/governmentinhampshire/police-crime-panel/get-involved>

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