

**Agenda Item 6**  
**EPFCP/24/23**

<b>Report title: Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Annual Report 2022-2023</b>	
<b>Report to:</b> Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel	
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<b>County Divisions affected:</b> All Essex	

### **1. Purpose of report**

This report provides the Police, Fire and Crime Panel with the PFCC's draft Annual Report for 2022 - 2023 (attached at Annex A).

The Police, Fire and Crime Panel has a statutory duty under section 28(4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 to review and provide feedback to the Commissioner on the Annual Report. Prior to the Panel meeting, a workshop has been held for Panel members to provide feedback to the Commissioner on an earlier draft of the report. This feedback has been incorporated and the changes made in consequence are listed below.

### **2. Recommendations**

That members of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel review the PFCC's draft Annual Report for 2022 - 2023 and either endorse this version or provide comment on its content.

### **3. Overview**

This draft Annual Report for 2022 - 2023 reports progress in delivering the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan 2021 - 2024. A separate report has been presented to the Panel that covers the Commissioner's responsibilities around fire and rescue in his role as the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority.

As with previous Annual Reports, the attached report is fully aligned to the Statement of Accounts. This means that the content of the report has been developed alongside the Statement of Accounts and will be independently audited as part of this process. The intention in taking this approach is to provide

a fuller picture of the performance, both operational and financial, of Essex Police and of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. Due to national issues with audit backlogs, the Statement of Accounts has not been audited yet. However, it is highly unlikely that any changes will make a material difference to the overall financial position or the narrative content within this Annual Report.

The draft Annual Report reflects feedback from the Panel's scrutiny of previous Annual Reports, so includes the Commissioner's equality objectives and is set out in line with this previous feedback. For the second year, the Panel has also held a workshop prior to the Panel meeting, where members of the Panel have provided feedback to the Commissioner on an earlier draft. This feedback is listed below, alongside an explanation of what the Commissioner has done as a result.

<b>Page number</b>	<b>Suggested change</b>	<b>Comment / action</b>
Throughout report	Design is very dark	A number of design elements have been tweaked to lighten the design and additional space has been incorporated into the design. The overall design look and feel has not been changed nor has the overall colour palette.
Throughout report	Review photos to check they are relevant and include captions.	Done
Page 3	Some text on the Contents page might be hard to read.	Text checked and, while compliant with standards, we have changed the text to be white to improve readability.
Page 3	Can we add page numbers on the contents page?	Done
Page 9	Can we change colour alignment to the graph?	Done
Page 20	Change photo to a female officer	Done
Page 21	Remove repetitive statement from the section referring to a fall in domestic abuse cases in Essex.	Done

The report presented to the Police, Fire and Crime Panel today is a draft. The Panel can either endorse this version or provide further feedback on it to the Commissioner. If the Panel provides additional feedback, a further, final version will be shared with the Panel before publication.

## **Appendices**

Annex A – PFCC Draft Annual Report 2022 – 2023