Agenda Item 7

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Report to: Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel

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1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Police, Fire and Crime Panel with the PFCC's draft Annual Report for 2019 - 2020 (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 feed back to the Commissioner on the Annual Report.

2. Recommendations

That members of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel note the draft Annual Report for 2019 - 2020 and either agree this version or provide comment on its content.

3. Context

- 3.1 This draft Annual Report for 2019 2020 marks the fourth full year since Roger Hirst was elected as Police and Crime Commissioner. It is focused on the Commissioner's responsibilities around policing and crime and reports against the Police and Crime Plan 2016 2020. A separate report has already been presented to the Panel that covers the Commissioner's responsibilities around fire and rescue.
- 3.2 The Annual Report covers progress against the seven priorities within the Police and Crime Plan, including the increase in local, visible and accessible policing, the continued recruitment of more officers, and the activities underway to tackle county lines and drug driven violence.
- 3.3 This Annual Report is the third that has been fully aligned to the Statement of Accounts. This means that the content of the report was developed alongside the Statement of Accounts and has already been 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.
- 3.4 The draft Annual Report reflects previous feedback from the Panel and this year includes the equality objectives committed to by Essex Police and the

Commissioner. The development of this report coincided with the development of new equality objectives for both Essex Police and the Commissioner and, to ensure the document is clear for the public, these new objectives have been used in this report.

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

4. Appendices

Annex A – DRAFT Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex Annual Report 2019 - 2020