

Report title: PFCC's Annual Report 2020-2021	
Report to: Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel	
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County Divisions affected: All Essex	

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Police, Fire and Crime Panel with the PFCC's draft Annual Report for 2020 - 2021 (attached at Appendix 1).

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 the Annual Report and to make a recommendation or report on it to the Commissioner.

2. Recommendations

That members of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel review the draft Annual Report for 2020 - 2021 and make a recommendation or report on it to the Commissioner.

3. Context / Summary

This draft Annual Report for 2020 - 2021 marks the fifth full year since Roger Hirst was elected as Police and Crime Commissioner and reviews the final year of the extended five-year term following the 2016 election.

It is focused on the Commissioner's responsibilities around policing and crime and reports progress against the Police and Crime Plan Extension 2020 - 2021. A separate annual report is being presented to the Panel elsewhere on this agenda that covers the Commissioner's responsibilities around fire and rescue.

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. Importantly, this report also covers the response to the first year of the global Covid-19 pandemic.

This Annual Report is the fourth that has been aligned to the Statement of Accounts. This means that the content of the report was 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 during the year. Because of the timing of this year's report, there are slight differences in the Introductions to both the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Report, to take account of the proposed new Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024 and ensure consistency of messaging.

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. Following feedback from the Joint Audit Committee, this year's report also includes a double page summary of the governance arrangements that are in place, good governance principles and identified issues. This provides an accessible summary of the Annual Governance Statement.

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 prior to publication.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1 – DRAFT Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex Annual Report
2020 – 2021