

**Report by:** Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel

**SUBJECT:** Kent Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report for 2014/15

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

1. Police and Crime Commissioners have a statutory duty under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and associated Regulations to prepare an annual report on:-

- the exercise of the their functions in each financial year, and
- the progress which has been made in the financial year in meeting the police and crime objectives in their police and crime plan.

Police and Crime Panels must review this report at a public meeting and must make a report or recommendations on the annual report. Commissioners must, in turn, produce a response to the Panel's report and any recommendation and this response is to be published in a manner determined by the Panel.

2. The Panel was provided with a copy of the Commissioner's Annual Report for 2014/15. At the Panel meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June the Commissioner provided a verbal introduction to her report and advised the Panel that the report was presented in advance of the accounts for 2014/15 in order to comply with the Panel's request that the Annual Report be presented as soon as possible after the end of the year to which it referred.
3. The Commissioner drew the Panel's attention to several areas of progress in implementing her Police and Crime Plan. She referred to the opening of the Victim Centre at Compass House which she said was on time and on budget. She also drew the Panel's attention to the implementation of the new policing model; to the improved accuracy of crime recording; and to the contribution of the wider policing family, notably the KCC Community Wardens and the Special Constabulary
4. The Panel noted that the report was comprehensive and that many of the items in the report had been the subject of full reports and discussion at Panel meetings during the year.
5. The Panel noted particularly the work on victim support described in the report, in which they felt that Kent was leading the country. They also welcomed the improved accuracy of the crime figures.
6. The Panel sought an explanation from the Commissioner about why the Force was working with eastern Forces on technology matters rather than with neighbouring Forces such as Sussex and Hampshire and were advised by the Commissioner that the technology co-operation resulted from the existing strong links with Essex.

7. The Panel noted the introduction of the new policing model and were advised that the Commissioner receives regular reports to her Governance Board on progress
8. The Panel received and noted the Commissioner's Annual report for 2014/15.