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Commissioner Seeks Views On Refreshed Police And Crime Plan

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Leicestershire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Sir Clive Loader, is seeking views from the public and partner organisations on a revised version of his Police and Crime Plan.

"When I launched my first Plan earlier in the year, I made it clear that I intended to refresh it on a yearly basis to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of local communities," he explained. "Now, having listened to and learned from widely diverse viewpoints, I have made some changes to the original version.

"I am particularly pleased that I have been able to emphasise further the importance of partnership working in the successful delivery of the priorities set out in the Plan. I am quite clear that Leicestershire Police cannot, alone, do all that the public needs them to do and I am grateful to



Sir Clive Loader, Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

partners for the contribution that they have already made to this refresh of the Plan."

In recognition of the importance of partnership working, the two previous sections of the Plan - referring separately to Police and to partners - are now combined. There is also a clearer focus on reducing offending and reoffending, on supporting victims and witnesses, on making communities and neighbourhoods safer and on protecting the vulnerable.

Some of the targets have been changed in order to be clearer about what the Commissioner is trying to achieve on behalf of the communities in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Those targets now take account of how Leicestershire Police is doing against the most similar group of forces, as measured nationally by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary.

The Commissioner stated: "Where we are better, we will at least maintain that performance, and where we are behind others we will catch up. This will support my vision of Leicestershire Police being amongst the most effective police services in the country.

"The draft Plan also contains a more detailed section on how we intend to address the projected £20m funding gap over the period to 2016/17; we know that Leicestershire Police is not the only public body in the area to be under such pressure. Our plans aim to deliver a police force that costs less, but still maintains high service standards."

Comments on the Plan, which need to be sent by 30 August 2013, will be welcomed. The Commissioner's website (www.leics.pcc.police.uk) has the draft Plan, the covering letter describing key changes, and a link through which feedback can be provided. People requiring an alternative version should contact the Commissioner's office on 0116 229 8980.

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