

## **Business Crime Strategy consultation**

### **Vision**

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**A flourishing business community in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly working closely with the police and partners to prevent and reduce crime.**

### **Aims**

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We recognise the essential role a productive business community has on an area's prosperity and wellbeing.

The strategy supports the following five priorities

#### **1. Build a better understanding of the crime and community safety issues affecting businesses**

The PCC will convene roundtable discussions on a regular basis with business leaders and those representing business communities in the south west. The PCC will continue an open and ongoing dialogue with representatives of the business community to share views, issues and ideas for development and explore opportunities to work together to prevent crime and reduce reoffending.

#### **2. Provide clear opportunities for the role businesses can play in preventing and reducing crime**

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly will work with Devon and Cornwall Police to continue to raise awareness with business community at a local, regional and national level about current crime threats and risks, particularly online crime and fraud, and steps they can take to reduce their vulnerability and that of their customers and employees.

#### **3. Improve support and assistance for victims of business crime**

Victims are at the centre of police work. Through the Police and Crime Plan and Victim Strategy, the PCC and Chief Constable will seek to ensure comprehensive support services are available for victims and ensure that victims and witnesses are supported through the criminal justice process.

Services are already available for victims of crimes against business but more can be done to promote the service and improve take up.

#### **4. Increase the opportunities for businesses to support wider community safety initiatives**

Intelligence and information sharing is vital for safer communities. The police rely on communities to assist them in preventing and investigating crime by providing timely information and help in identifying suspects or providing witness statements. The members of the business community across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly are critical in this. The business community require swift, straightforward means by which to report information to the police and receive feedback that does not provide an undue burden upon them. The police have developed a range of reporting and information sharing options and these can be more widely shared and adopted.

#### **5. Maximise use of national resources and influence national policy**

The Police and Crime Commissioner will continue to hold the Chief Constable to account for the delivery of efficient and effective policing. This includes specifically the duty to have regard to the Police and Crime Plan of which this strategy supports.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will look to the Chief Constable to continue to ensure that business crime is given sufficient importance amongst the other priorities of the Force. The PCC will support the establishment of a regional business crime hub in the south west which will work in support of the National Business Crime Centre's work.

## **Deliverables**

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We will work towards the vision and aims through the following actions and activities

### **A. Improving Connectivity**

1. Convene annual business leaders summit with the PCC and police to discuss community safety issues, share ideas and work towards solutions.
2. Regular OPCC attendance at local Chambers of Commerce, FSB and other business network events to inform community of current issues, and activity and hear from businesses.
3. Ensure Devon and Cornwall gains optimal benefit from the National Business Crime Centre.
4. Build business connectivity into OPCC Community Link Officer role &/ or Councillor Advocate Scheme.

### **B. Supporting businesses to keep themselves safe and assist in community safety**

1. Work with Trading Standards, UK Safer Internet Centre, South West Cyber Security Cluster and others to provide businesses with support in preventing serious crimes like fraud, modern slavery and cyber crime.
2. Encourage wider adoption of Business Crime Partnerships and Shop Watch in towns across Devon and Cornwall by supporting start-up costs for sustainable schemes

3. Work with employers and the police to accelerate the take up of the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme across businesses in Devon and Cornwall
4. Provide opportunities for the business community to offer employment or training opportunities to reduce reoffending and support early intervention schemes.

**C. Influencing national policy to support the business sector**

1. Work with other PCCs to bring about changes to national policy or legislation where existing approaches are poor or create barriers to preventing crime.
2. Use the PCCs influence to call for major employers, organisations and representative groups to enhance their approach to corporate social responsibility.

**The following strategies and schemes will also support delivery of the Business Crime Strategy**

**CCTV Strategy** – A substantial investment in a connected camera network across Devon and Cornwall to aid the prevention and detection of crime, ASB and protect the vulnerable.

**Road safety strategy** – To reduce the number of people harmed on the road network and helping to reduce the impact on businesses when roads are shut for collision investigation.

**Commissioning intentions plan** – providing funding to organisations to tackle crime and ASB and provide care and support to victims.

**Connectivity Framework** – setting standards of service the public can expect from the police and OPCC.

**Citizens in Policing Strategy** – to provide more opportunities for the public and businesses to support policing and community safety.

**Local Criminal Justice Programme and Transforming Justice** – Providing new ways to reduce reoffending through innovative new schemes and early intervention approaches.

**Prevention Strategy** – Deliver problem solving training to staff across Devon and Cornwall to enable focus upon the crime that causes the greatest harm in our communities by utilising improved research and analytical tools as part of ‘upstream’ problem solving.

**Victim Strategy** – ensuring victims of crime receive the best support from the police and are offered specialist assistance from the victim care network.

**Evening and night time economy** – supporting Best Bar None (licensees) schemes to reduce the likelihood of harm and promote best practice in the licenced trade.

**Councillor Advocate Scheme** – elected representatives provided with additional briefings and training in order to share messages and community safety advice widely.

**Community Link Officers** – providing a geographic network of contacts for engagement with the OPCC.

**Enhanced support for Watch schemes** – to provide better co-ordination and support for schemes such as Shop Watch.

## Let us know your views

We would welcome your feedback on the PCC Business Crime Strategy.

We would like to hear from you, particularly if you are part of the business community, in response to the following questions

- A. Do you support the aims of the business crime strategy?
- B. Do you consider the deliverables are correct and address issues that matter to the business community?
- C. Would you or your business like to work with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to deliver elements of this strategy?
- D. Do you have any further comments?

Please pass your comments or questions by 30th July 2018 to

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## Closing date

Monday 30th July 2018

Thank you