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NEIGHBOURHOODS BOARD MINUTE EXTRACT 25 SEPTEMBER 2012

Present: Councillor Afzal (Chair)
Councillors Barker, Keith, MacDonald, Naitta, Pegg, Poulter
and L. Winter

15/12 Police and Crime Panels - Update

The board received a presentation from the Cabinet Member for Planning, Environment and Public Protection, who, together with the Chair of the Neighbourhoods Board, had been nominated as Derby's representatives on the developing Police and Crime Panel (PCP). The presentation outlined the relevant legislation, the scope of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) role, together with the responsibilities and scope of the PCP. It was reported that a PCP would be established in each force area, determined under local arrangements and would undertake public scrutiny of the PCC.

The cabinet member described the composition of the PCP and its funding arrangements. The board was informed of how complaints against the PCC would be dealt with. Members recognised that in accordance with the Police and Justice Act 2006, the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board acted as the Crime and Disorder Committee with powers to scrutinise the crime and disorder functions of responsible authorities. These responsible authorities included but were not limited to, the police authority. Members were keen to preserve a link between the PCP and future Crime and Disorder Committees.

The board noted that under the new arrangements, the council would lose partial control of its budget. The Head of Service for Partnerships and Communities informed the board that in anticipation of the changes, the community safety fund (which amounted to £136, 000) was excluded from the base budget. This, however, would not prevent the possibility of its future retention through successful negotiations with the PCP. The board was unconvinced that the funding allocated to the administration of the PCP would be sufficient to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities.

The board suggested that the inclusion of crime and disorder matters as a standing item on the board's agenda would ensure that matters of local importance were discussed and where necessary, drawn to the attention of the PCP through representation on the panel.

Resolved:

- 1. that matters relating to crime and disorder are included as a standing item on future agendas of the Neighbourhoods Board; and**
- 2. to recommend to Council that it ensures future appointments to the Police and Crime Panel include the Chair of the overview and scrutiny board with the responsibility for crime and disorder.**