

Crime and Disorder Police and Crime Panels – Update

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Through its role as the statutory Crime and Disorder Committee members agreed that matters relating to crime and disorder should be included as a standing item on the agenda of the Neighbourhoods Board. Members agreed that matters can be referred to the Board either at the request of a member or following contact with partner organisations, such as Derbyshire Constabulary NHS Derby City and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service. No matters have been referred to this meeting.
- 1.2 In addition to crime and disorder items referred to the Board, members agreed that they should receive an update of activity of the Police Crime Commissioner and Police and Crime Panel at Board meetings as and when is appropriate. An update is provided under section 4.
- 1.3 At the last meeting of the Neighbourhoods Board on Tuesday 15 January, the Board resolved that the Police and Crime Panels Update item on the Agenda would be an appropriate vehicle for the raising of questions and queries from board members and their party colleagues. This would enable the Chair to make note of questions and queries and raise them at a future meeting of the Police and Crime Panel.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the update on the work of the Police and Crime Panel.
- 2.1 To identify and suggest future matters for scrutiny under the Crime and Disorder item of the agenda.
- 2.2 To make any comments or raise any questions on the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner or Police and Crime Panel for discussion by the Police and Crime Panel.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure that the Board is aware of the developments in national policing, strategic police decision-making, neighbourhood policing and policing accountability structures, and their scrutiny role in these arrangements.

- 3.2 To ensure that the Board is fulfilling its role as the statutory Crime and Disorder Committee.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 Police and Crime Panel - February Meeting

At the February meeting of the Police and Crime Panel, it was agreed that future meetings of the Police and Crime Panel would take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday 30 April 2013
- Thursday 18 July 2013
- Thursday 19 September 2013
- Thursday 28 November 2013
- Thursday 30 January 2014 – precept meeting
- Thursday 20 February 2014 - 2nd precept meeting (if veto exercised)
- Thursday 27 March 2014

It was also agreed by all that the meetings will take place at County Hall in Matlock and will start at 11am.

Work programme

The Panel have decided initially to focus on two of the Commissioner objectives contained within the Police and Crime Plan:

- Objective 6 – Encourage further investigation into the issues relating to alcohol related crime and harm; explore ways to intervene early to prevent it – with support from our partners;
- Objective 2 – Work to provide strong and effective partnership working including Neighbourhood Watch and the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector to facilitate greater impact and use of resources;

The Panel also agreed that it would be beneficial to consider the below objective in addition to the above as this links closely to objective 2.

- Objective 3 – Work to keep people particularly the most vulnerable in our communities, safe from harm, antisocial behaviour and criminal activities.

4.2 Police and Crime Panel – January Meeting

The following items were discussed at the Police and Crime Panel on 31 January 2013:

Police and Crime Plan

At the meeting it was resolved to recommend to the Police and Crime Commissioner that the draft Police and Crime Plan 2012-2017 be issued without amendment.

Proposed precept

It was resolved to recommend to the Police and Crime Commissioner that the

proposed precept increase of 1.96% for 2013/2014 be issued.

Extension of the Chief Constable's appointment

The Police and Crime Commissioner informed the panel that he had decided to extend the current fixed term appointment of Chief Constable Mick Creedon from the end date of 30 November 2014 to 30 November 2015.

- 4.3 The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires local authorities to establish a crime and disorder committee with powers to review or scrutinise decisions of responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions. In Derby the scrutiny of crime and disorder was carried out under the auspices of the Scrutiny Management Commission until the establishment of the Safer Communities Commission in November 2010, and this responsibility has now been passed on to the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board as of May 2012. At the time of its establishment, this Board was given responsibility by the Council to:
- a. Review or scrutinise the functions of Partnerships and Communities.
 - b. Act as the Crime and Disorder Committee under the Police and Justice Act 2006.
- 4.4 The Board has statutory powers to scrutinise the crime and disorder functions of responsible authorities. These include:
- Police
 - Fire and Rescue Service
 - Local Authority
 - Probation
 - Health Authority

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A	
Financial officer	N/A	
Human Resources officer	N/A	
Estates/Property officer	N/A	
Service Director(s)	N/A	
Other(s)	Philip O'Brien - Statutory Scrutiny Officer	

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000 requires that the power of an overview and scrutiny committee to review or scrutinise a decision made but not implemented includes power to recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the person who made it.
- 2.2 The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires local authorities to establish a crime and disorder committee with powers to review or scrutinise decisions of responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report

Property and Asset Management

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report

Risk Management

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 This report contributes to the following Council objectives:
- Feeling safe and being safe.
 - A strong community.
 - Good health and well-being.

