



WATFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL



MEETING OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Tuesday 8th February 2022- 6:00pm

North Hertfordshire District Council

MINUTES

(Please note the minutes are a brief summary of the discussion and not intended to be verbatim)

Members Present: Cllr S Monaghan (Chair), Broxbourne Borough Council
Cllr Isy Imarni (Vice Chair), Dacorum Borough Council
Cllr P Choudhury, Hertsmere Borough Council
Dr M Ramsay, Independent Member (Independent member)
Mr Ian Laidlaw-Dickson (Independent member)
Cllr J Hollywell, Stevenage Borough Council
Cllr A Curtis, East Herts District Council
Cllr F Thomson, Hertfordshire County Council
Cllr Jacqui Taylor, St Albans City and District Council
Cllr A Scarth, Three Rivers District Council
Cllr Sam North – North Herts District Council

Also Present: Mr David Lloyd, Police and Crime Commissioner
Mr Lewis Cocking, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
Mr Chris Brace, Chief Executive, PCC
Dr Amie Birkhamshaw, Director of Strategy, PCC
Mrs N Boateng, Clerk to the Police and Crime Panel
Mr Ibrahim Balta, Deputy Clerk to the Police and Crime Panel

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Police and Crime Panel meeting.

2. APOLOGIES and DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Apologies received from Cllr Saffery and Cllr Sarson.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 25th November 2021

The minutes were agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters arising

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO THE PANEL

No questions.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Mrs Sue Nicholls asked the following question:-

“Speeding is an issue of increasing concern in so many towns and villages across Hertfordshire. Having seen a recent social media campaign by the Police and Crime Commissioner calling for communities to start their own DriveSafe groups where there are concerns about speeding on existing 20mph roads, can I ask what the current police policy is on enforcing speed limits in Hertfordshire (and particularly those on 20mph roads). Can I also ask why Hertfordshire Constabulary does not subscribe to the national Community Speed Watch Scheme with its unified national framework which collates and shares offence data from across the UK and prefers to use its own county-based DriveSafe scheme instead?”

The Commissioners response is attached as appendix 1

7. CLLR SAM NORTH’S PROPOSAL FOR THE PCC TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON POLICE WELFARE

Cllr SN: Elaborated on his request and indicated the report should be provided on an annual basis and to include (but not limited to) morale, grievance data, misconduct, welfare, overtime and resilience.

Cllr AC: Acknowledged this was important but questioned whether such reports are statutorily required by the Commissioner to the Panel.

DL: Acknowledged this was a good idea and an important point. The Panel is seeking to gain reassurance on Police/Staff welfare, the way forward would be for this to be included as an objective in the PCC Plan, which I would hold the Chief Constable to account for. The Panel could then question me regarding progress on this objective.

General discussion with Panel members regarding the legal remit of the Panel to require a Police welfare report.

Dr AB offered to have a discussion with Cllr North outside of the meeting regarding this matter.

Cllr SN: Whilst understanding that the PCP’s remit is to hold the Commissioner to account he considered there would be no harm in requesting a report, and requested an approach be made to the Police Federation.

8. THE PROPOSED POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER’S PRECEPT

DL introduced his precept report. Report is attached at ‘Appendix 2’

The panel members raised questions in relation to the precept report. A summary of the questions and answers can be found at 'Appendix 3'.

Decision of the Panel

The panel voted to accept the PCC Precept.

2 panel members abstained and 9 panel members voted in favour.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10. NEXT MEETING AT 17TH MARCH 2022 AT 6PM AT BROXBORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICES