

HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

INITIAL MEETING WITH THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

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Item 2

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Purpose of Report

To provide background information to assist the Panel with its initial meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Background

The PCC, David Lloyd, was elected on 15 November and took office on 22 November. This meeting of the panel has been included in the Work Plan for an initial meeting with the PCC. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss issues of mutual interest and also to provide an early indication of the way the budget and precept and policing plan will be handled at the January meeting will be handled.

Issues for discussion with the PCC

Mr Lloyd issued a manifesto for his election campaign which set out his intentions. That can be found at Appendix 1.

In addition the following points are likely to be issues of mutual interest:

- The Commissioner's overarching mission, goals and targets.
- The proposed timetable for the estimates, budgeting and precept process.
- The PCC's intentions for publication of documents.
- The PCC's intentions for public access to himself.
- The PCC's intentions for interaction with the Community Safety Partnerships across the County.

- The PCC's intentions with regard to joint working with the constituent councils.
- The PCC's intended approach to the role generally: his intended 'style'.
- The PCC's preferred approach to working with the Panel.

Conclusion

The Panel and the Commissioner have the shared objective of making their work as effective as possible. This meeting will allow early discussion of emerging issues to try to make the precept setting process and police plan consultations as smooth and constructive as possible. As there is a new PCC it is also an opportunity to discuss wider topics to identify how the PCC and the Panel will work together over the next 3½ years to achieve their mutual aims.

Appendix 1

Election statement:

The role of Police and Crime Commissioner is one of the most significant and exciting roles to have been developed in our generation: the first elected position with a mandate from the whole of Hertfordshire to reduce crime.

I have a record of delivery as Chairman of the Police Authority –

crime down by more than 20%,

convictions up (criminals are twice as likely to be caught if they offend here compared to some parts of the country),

council tax frozen – and I have a clear vision for the future - putting the victim at the centre of what we do and ensuring we continue to provide the most efficient and effective policing.

I believe in cutting crime, keeping taxes low and catching more criminals. I also believe that it is the criminal who should be punished, not the victim. People should be able to go about their lawful business in Hertfordshire, without worrying about becoming victims of crime. Simply put, as Commissioner, my aim would be to make Hertfordshire's streets even safer.