

Sussex Police and Crime Panel

27 April 2018 – at a meeting of the Panel held at 10.30am, County Hall, Lewes.

Present:

Bill Bentley	East Sussex CC	Elayne Merry ²	Lewes DC
Mike Clayden	Arun DC	Joe Miller	Brighton & Hove CC
Phil Dixon ¹	Wealden DC	Dave Simmons	Adur DC
Colin Fitzgerald	Hastings BC	Susan Scholefield	Independent
Michael Jones	Crawley BC	Colin Swansborough ³	Eastbourne BC
Carolyn Lambert	East Sussex CC	Val Turner	Worthing BC
Eileen Lintill	Chichester DC	Norman Webster	Mid Sussex DC

¹Substitute for Claire Dowling (Wealden DC), ²Substitute for Tony Nicholson (Lewes DC), ³Substitute for John Ungar (Eastbourne BC)

Apologies for absence were received from Emma Daniel (Brighton & Hove CC), Claire Dowling (Wealden DC), Eleanor Kirby-Green (Rother DC), Christian Mitchell (West Sussex CC), Tony Nicholson (Lewes DC), Peter Nightingale (Independent Member), John Ungar (Eastbourne BC) and Tricia Youtan (Horsham DC)

In attendance: Katy Bourne, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner; Mark Streater, Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer of the Office of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner (OSPCC); Iain McCulloch, Chief Finance Officer of OSPCC; Mervin Dadd Head of Public Engagement and Communications of OSPCC and Ninesh Edwards and Rob Castle (Host Authority - West Sussex CC).

In the absence of the Vice Chairman, Mrs Scholefield was elected to fulfil the role for this meeting.

Declarations of Interest

1. In accordance with the code of conduct members of the Panel declared the personal interests contained in the table below.

Panel Member	Personal Interest
Bill Bentley	Chairman of East Sussex Safer Community Board Member of LGA Safer and Stronger Communities Board
Mike Clayden	Chairman of Safer Arun Partnership
Emma Daniel	Member of Brighton and Hove Safe in the City Partnership Board
Claire Dowling	Chairman of Safer Wealden Partnership
Colin Fitzgerald	Co-ordinator of a domestic violence perpetrator programme in Southwark Employed by Solace Women's Aid Charity
Michael Jones	Chairman of Safer Crawley Partnership
Eleanor Kirby-Green	Chairman of Safer Rother Partnership
Carolyn Lambert	Member of East Sussex Fire Authority
Eileen Lintill	Chairman of Chichester Community Safety Partnership
Tony Nicholson	Co-Chairman of Eastbourne & Lewes Community Safety Partnership
Susan Scholefield	A serving Magistrate Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal and Competition Service
John Ungar	Co-Chairman of Eastbourne & Lewes Community Safety

	Partnership
Norman Webster	Member of Mid Sussex Community Safety Partnership

2. The following personal interests were also declared: -

- Cllr Simmons as a member of West Sussex County Council
- Cllr Swansborough as a member of East Sussex County Council
- Cllr Fitzgerald as chairman of the Safer Hastings Partnership
- Cllr Merry as a member of the Eastbourne and Lewes Safety Partnership

Minutes

3. The following people highlighted corrections which were agreed by the Panel: -

- Iain McCulloch, Minute 81, second bullet – ‘budget’ to be replaced by ‘precept’
- Iain McCulloch, Minute 81, fourth bullet – delete ‘also part of’
- Iain McCulloch, Minute 81, fourteenth bullet – ‘£.8m’ to be replaced by ‘£3m’
- Cllr Fitzgerald, Minute 91, seventh bullet – ‘MAPPER’ to be replaced by ‘MAPPA’

4. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Sussex Police and Crime Panel held on 19 January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

Urgent Matters

5. There were no urgent matters.

Sussex Police 2018/22 Transformation Strategy

6. The Panel considered the Sussex Police Transformation Strategy 2018-22 (copy appended to the signed minutes) which was introduced by Katy Bourne, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) who told the Panel: -

- The Strategy was aligned with the PCC’s Medium Term Financial Strategy and set out how the Chief Constable intended to spend the money raised by precept increases (actual and forecast over the strategy term), and also the £17m that was made available from reserves
- The main investment would be in local policing – by 2022 there would be 200 more police officers than there were at present.
- Sussex Police would also be able to keep 476 warranted officers posts that would otherwise have been lost
- The PCC and communities across Sussex welcomed the Strategy
- The PCC would monitor the Strategy over the next four years

7. Summary of responses to the Panel’s questions and comments: -

- Police community support officers (PCSOs) were being over recruited to allow for the possibility that some would apply to be full time officers – the aim was to maintain the number of PCSOs at 200
- PCSOs had been granted extra powers in the last two years and were a valued resource, but were deployed differently than before
- Sussex Police continued to be stretched in general

- The Chief Constable decided staffing levels and all operational matters, such as how officers are deployed
- Over 50% of all crime was online fraud – the new policing model reflected this
- Police intelligence came from both verbal and written sources
- The monthly Accountability meetings between the PCC and the Chief Constable would scrutinise the impact of the Strategy on police performance
- The monthly Local Policing Accountability Board looked at the police model and the work of prevention, investigation and response teams
- Via 'Talk Sussex', the PCC was meeting communities and getting feedback on the Strategy
- The PCC also saw Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) inspection reports on Sussex Police and could commission HMICFRS to look at specific issues and has just done so regarding stalking
- Safer Sussex partnerships looked at ways to make the roads safer for all users – a cycle awareness scheme called 'Safe Pass' would soon be launched to help reduce the risk of conflict between cyclists and car users
- Public confidence in reporting crimes would increase as contact arrangements were improved – the PCC would make people aware of contact improvements when she met communities
- Sussex Police had taken advantage of the new Communications Act to close phone lines that were used for drug dealing
- People were only aware of a fraction of the crimes that were solved
- 'Single Online Home' was being trialled by the Metropolitan Police as the way for the public to report crimes online – Sussex Police was keen to use this portal with the South East Interoperability Team looking at other similar large schemes
- It was difficult to assess how much extra time could be spent on frontline policing thanks to the use of technology, but it was thought to be significant e.g. supplying data for courts directly from police stations was a big time saver
- As a third of the workforce will be new, training would be key to changing the organisational culture, with technology playing a bigger role in future
- Police training standards were set by the College of Policing, which also looked at training for future leaders as it was now possible to join the police at different levels
- Most of the 800+ applications for the latest intake were from local residents and the police were trying to increase minority group representation

8. Resolved – that the Panel: -

- i. Notes the report
- ii. Requests that the Panel receives an update on the Sussex Police Transformation Strategy 2018-22 in one year's time, reflecting changes in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Medium Term Financial Strategy and police precept

PCP Special Interest Group

9. The Panel considered a verbal report by the Chairman of the PCP, who told the Panel that: -

- Representatives from fifteen police and crime panels attended the inaugural meeting of the Police and Crime Panel Special Interest Group which was to be formalised after its November meeting
- The Group would initially consist of the Chairman or Vice Chairman of police and crime panels (lead officers may also attend) and would have a constitution. As it had been agreed that the Group would liaise with (rather than lobby) the Home

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Office, the PCP grant from the Home Office could be used to fund the Group's £500 annual fee. The interim Chairman would be from Essex with vice chairmen from Dorset and West Yorkshire.

- A website and research tool were mentioned as resources the Group might wish to develop

Quarterly Report of Complaints

10. The Panel received a report from the clerk to the Sussex Police and Crime Panel providing an update on complaints received in the last quarter (copy appended to the signed minutes). No complaints of substance within the statutory remit of the Panel were received during the stated time period.

11. Resolved – that the Panel notes the report.

Written Questions

12. The Panel received responses provided to written questions received from members of the public prior to the meeting (copy appended to the signed minutes).

13. Regarding questions 1, 2, 4 and 5 on cycling, a query was raised about the problem of cars parking on pavements. It was advised that the incidents should be reported to Operation Crackdown.

14. Resolved - that the Panel notes the report.

Commissioner's Question Time

15. The following responses were given to questions: -

- Concerns over gun laws should be raised with MPs
- The PCC discussed violent crime with the Chief Constable at their February Performance and Accountability meeting. Taxi marshals had been used in Brighton & Hove. More information could be obtained from community safety partnerships on measures taken to address these problems
- Knife crime remained low in Sussex
- The Home Secretary chairs a newly formed task force looking at initiatives to tackle serious violence across the country
- Community safety partnerships and police and crime commissioners could also play important roles in helping to reduce serious violent crime
- Youth crime prevention teams should be able to help with incidents of children selling drugs in schools and carrying weapons – schools also had a responsibility to report incidents
- Crimes against older people were a focus – Operation Signature had helped identify and support vulnerable victims of fraud in Sussex and the PCC had spoken about crimes against the elderly locally and nationally. The PCC also funded two specialist officers to work with the police on this matter. Step-down services were available if required.
- The PCC provided a link between the public and the police by passing on people's concerns at weekly and monthly meetings with the Chief Constable

16. Resolved – that the Panel notes the Commissioner's responses

Date of Next Meeting

17. The next meeting date of 29 June was noted.

The meeting ended at 12.15

Chairman

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