



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

MEMBER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Police and Crime Panel
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	7 July 2021
BRIEF REPORT	
<p>Cllr Jonny Brownsteen was appointed Chair and Cllr Steve Robinson was appointed as Vice-Chair.</p> <p><u>New Police & Crime Commissioner Intro and Update</u> Gave a background from himself (military background) and his five manifesto pledges of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 300 more officers and 150 Special Constables deployed on local priorities- Zero tolerance to Anti-Social behavior- Easier Police contact- Fight Rural crime- Reduce internet and phone scams <p>All five were view positively by the panel.</p> <p>His intent is to engage with councils at all levels in the development of his Police and Crime plan, and in particular Parish Councils with whom he has a particular affinity through July and August. Roadshows will be held during this period at various locations in the county and he would be encouraged to see local councilors attend. Dates to be announced soon. Various working groups will be set up, and he encouraged panel members to feed in any of their concerns for potential inclusion in the final plan to be published in October.</p> <p>His vision for the deployment of the special constables is that these would live in the communities they parole in towns and villages.</p> <p>The new PCC believes that addressing low level anti-social behavior will prevent more serious crime and ultimately provide more effective and efficient policing, citing various examples across the UK and US where this approach is adopted.</p> <p>Part of his plans for easier police contact is the potential for police stations to be introduced in fire stations, and generally work more collaboratively with the fire service and a memorandum of understanding between them is close to agreement.</p> <p>The PCC linked zero tolerance with his focus on rural crime, and the need for cross border co-operation as rural communities often straddle county lines. Also to encourage households to sign up to neighbourhood email alerts.</p>	

The PCC Is working with police in introducing a sophisticated electronic GPS tagging of non-violent offenders, such as those convicted of burglary.
A further focus was speeding and the introduction of lower cost technology to identify offenders.

The PCC is also spearheading the use of DNA tagging of pets which will create a database as a preventative measure on pet theft and has arranged for bulk purchase of kits to limit cost of pet owners.

Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner

Nicholas Evans was appointed as deputy commissioner and the panel was satisfied that a robust selection process had been followed and that there was no conflict with his position as Councillor in the Forest of Dean. The position of a deputy commissioner is not uncommon and revised legislation soon to be introduced likely mandate the role as well as strengthening the role of the Crime and Police Panel.

Report of Chief Executive

Provided crime and compliant statistics for the county, which had been variously impacted by Covid lockdowns. Work is ongoing to develop a framework for reporting on national crime and policing measures ahead of the 31st July deadline.

Draft PCC Annual Report

The panel wanted more time to review before this was published.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Cllr Martin Peacey
DATE	9 July 2021