

Minutes - Safer Neighbourhood Panel (12/11/18)

Attendees- Bob Rankin Chair (BR), Cllr Bernard Peters ESBC, Chief Insp Jason Nadin (JN), Michelle Ryan OPCC (MR), Peter Fearon (PF), Michael Hovers ESBC (MH), Claire Bell ESBC (CB), John McKiernan (JMckK),

Apologies: Cllr Ron Clarke. (RC),

Welcome and Introductions

MR and CB introduced themselves

BP raised a point regarding the appointment of Councillors to the Panel. MR stated there is no requirement for Councillor be appointed to SNP.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meet were approved

Local Policing Update

JN presented an update on local crime trends and issues. Crime is up 2% with the highest increase in theft from motor vehicles. Burglary has reduced 11% and Business burglary has also reduced which is different to the wider Staffs Police force. Personal robbery had increased 26% but a group has been dealt with and prosecuted. A new force policy has been introduced around ASB which has added nuisance and annoyance to descriptors. Begging and vagrancy has also risen and JN detailed various powers available to tackle the issue but highlighted that most homeless people are vulnerable.

JN went on to explain County Lines and how this is currently a priority for the Police across the county.

Recruitment & Membership

MR gave a detailed update on recruitment and the methods used to recruit new members.

BR suggested attendance of Community Engagement meeting in Stretton organised by Sarah Leadley. BR went to request bespoke advertising banners from OPPCC/MR. MR has requested this from OPCC head office but no response as of yet.

JMckK- suggested MR approach the Prince's Trust to recruit young people.

BR stated that he had offered his services and experience but had met resistance

from OPCC communications and had not received a response to a marketing plan proposal. MR said she would take the comments back to the OPCC.

BP stressed the need for the panel membership to be diverse and reflect all communities of East Staffordshire.

Potential Themes

BR stated that the top priority needs to be recruitment which will enable work to take place on potential review themes. MR highlighted that the panel have two mandatory annual reviews: stop and search and use of force. MH advised that ESBC scrutiny groups of significantly larger numbers only undertake three reviews a year and raised concerns about the capacity of the SNP, given the small numbers, to undertake any additional reviews above the mandatory ones. MH went on to add that completing these two reviews would also be challenging for the group based on the reasons set out above.

BP questioned the required depth of any such review. MR offered to send example reports from other districts to help members understand the level of work required.

MR asked the panel to consider appointing a data champion to look at trends in data.

Date of future meetings

12th Feb 2019 – 5pm