

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL** held on 18 November 2021 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillors W Armitage (NE Derbyshire District Council), A Barrow (High Peak Borough Council), V Clare (Erewash Borough Council), T Harper (Amber Valley Borough Council), (substitute member), C Hart (Derbyshire County Council), J Mannion Brunt (Chesterfield Borough Council) (Substitute member), C Moesby (Bolsover District Council) (Substitute member) G Potter (Derby City Council) G Purdy (Derbyshire Dales District Council), G Rhind (South Derbyshire District Council) and V Newbury & Dr S Handsley (Independent Member).

Derbyshire County Council officers also in attendance: L Collard (Improvement and Scrutiny Officer) I Walters (Democratic Services) and L Wild (Legal Services).

Also in attendance: A Foster, Police and Crime Commissioner, D Peet, Chief Executive (OPCC), A Dale, Chief Finance Officer (OPCC), J Rhodes-Orwin & M Romano (OPCC)

**19/21** **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR** Following requests for nominations, V Newbury and Councillor C Hart were duly nominated and seconded for the position.

A recorded vote took place amongst those present at the time of the vote, with V Newbury receiving 7 votes and Councillor Hart 4 votes.

**RESOLVED** that V Newbury be appointed as Chair of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel for the ensuing municipal year.

V Newbury (in the Chair)

**20/21** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S Carter (Amber Valley Borough Council), M Dooley (Bolsover District Council) and P Innes (Chesterfield Borough Council)

**21/22**        **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** V Newbury and Dr S Handsley declared a personal interest in relation to Agenda Item 6, 'Independent Member Recruitment Process' as current standing Independent Members of the Panel

**22/21**        **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel held on 9 September 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**23/21**        **BALANCED APPOINTMENT OBJECTIVE - VERBAL UPDATE**  
At the last meeting it was resolved that the Director of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer for Derbyshire County Council as the host authority write to the Secretary of State for determination of the co-optees required to achieve the balanced appointment objective as a result of the Panel being unable to be able to reach a unanimous decision

This was subsequently done and to date a response was still awaited from the Secretary of State. A number of reminders had been sent.

Members expressed their concern at the lack of a response from the Secretary of State and after discussion, it was agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair would liaise with the Panel's officers, and contacts at the National Association to try and find a way to progress this matter as a matter of urgency.

It was also agreed that the OPCC and Panel Members be supplied with a copy of the original email and attachments that were sent to the Secretary of State.

**RESOLVED** to note the update

**24/21**        **INDEPENDENT MEMBER RECRUITMENT PROCESS** Members were updated on the recruitment of independent panel members and asked to determine the eligibility criteria for selection and interview.

Adverts had been published in local newspapers and on the Derbyshire County Council website indicating that the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel were looking to recruit Independent Members. The closing date for applications was 14 November 2021. In accordance with the Panel Arrangements, information packs had been prepared and sent to those requesting application forms.

The Panel Arrangements stipulated that applications would be considered against agreed eligibility criteria and the Chair and Vice-Chair would consider applications and interview candidates. Following the interviews, the Chair and Vice-Chair would make recommendations to the

Panel about membership. The Panel should determine agreed eligibility criteria in advance of the selection process. The information pack included details of eligibility criteria however, this only outlined those who are excluded from being a member of a Police and Crime Panel, for example serving police officers. To date, 15 applications had been received. As the current Chair was an Independent Member, she would obviously be excluded from the Interview processes.

Members made a number of comments and observations which were duly noted.

**RESOLVED** (1) to confirm that two Independent Members would be recruited;

(2) to note the procedure outlined in the Panel Arrangements that the Chair and Vice-Chair will consider applications and interview candidates.

(3) that Councillors A Barrow, C Hart, G Purdy and G Potter form a working group to review potential candidates and agree on the interview process and Panel; and

(4) to note that the recruitment procedure will be undertaken in accordance with the Panel Arrangements.

**25/21**      **POLICE & CRIME PLAN 2021-2025** Angelique Foster, Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, presented her draft Police and Crime Plan in accordance with her duty under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The Commissioner had engaged the Chief Constable during the preparation of the plan as was required and had also consulted with the Public and partners to gain their views of the proposed plan and the results of this consultation were detailed at Appendix B to the report

It was noted that due to the postponement the PCC elections in 2020 due to Covid-19 the plan covered a 4 year period, rather than the usual 5 as the PCC term of office was 3 years rather than the usual 4.

The Commissioner commented that her role as Police and Crime Commissioner was to set the strategic priorities for policing in Derbyshire. Her plan set out clear objectives that put law-abiding citizens and victims of crime at the heart of everything the force did. It highlighted where the focus of the force should be and the expectation of wanting to see clear positive outcomes in Derbyshire. The detailed implementation of the policing elements of the plan was for the Chief Constable to determine and the Commissioner would hold her to account on behalf of the public

The Commissioner made particular reference to the six strategic priorities contained within the Plan and detailed in Appendix A. These being: Strong local policing; Neighbourhood Crime and Anti Social Behaviour; Road Safety; Rural crime; Victim support and Safeguarding; and Driving efficiencies.

Panel Members were afforded the opportunity to question the Commissioner on the draft Plan and also made a number of comments and observations, to which the Commissioner responded.

**RESOLVED** (1) to recommend to the Police and Crime Commissioner that the draft Police and Crime Plan 2021/2025 be issued subject to any major amendments brought about through public or partner feedback; and

(2) that the report be published via the PCC's Website, [www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk).

**26/21**      **POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE** In response to a number of questions raised through the Chair of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel, the PCC provided a written response which was shared with all Panel Members and would be passed on to the Councillor who had asked the question of the Panel.

The PCC announced that this would be the last meeting of the Panel attended by David Peet, Chief Executive, OPCC, as he was leaving to undertake a new role, and thanked him for his dedicated service since his time in post and wished him all the very best for the future. In the interim period until a new appointment was made, Andrew Dale, Chief Finance Officer, would undertake the role, supported by the 2 Strategic leads J Rhodes – Orwin and M Romano, who were present at the meeting and introduced to the Panel.

The Chair on behalf of the Panel echoed the above sentiments and thanked David for the work he undertaken in working alongside and supporting the Panel.

The Commissioner reported that the ASB grant round had now been allocated and grant agreements were being drawn up with those who had been successful. She highlighted the fact that in early 2022 she would be launching the next of her community grants rounds. This one would be focussed on Road Safety and the OPCC would ensure that Panel members and elected members across Derbyshire are made aware of when it goes live.

**RESOLVED** to note the update report.

**27/21**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING RESOLVED** to note that the next meeting of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel would take place on Thursday 27 January 2022 commencing at 10.00am