

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of **DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL** held on Thursday, 20 June 2024 at The Council Chamber, County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillors L Burns (Erewash Borough Council) (substitute Member) J Davies (Chesterfield Borough Council), S Evans (High Peak Borough Council) C Hart (Derbyshire County Council), K Gillott (North East Derbyshire District Council), C Moesby (Bolsover District Council) C Poulter (Derby City Council), E Sherman (Amber Valley Borough Council), S Taylor (South Derbyshire District Council), J Walls (Amber Valley Borough Council) and J Wright (Derby City Council) and S Handsley (Independent Member) and V Newbury (Independent Member).

Officers present: Alex Dubberley and Ivan Walters (Democratic Services).

Also in attendance was N Ndiweni (Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire) A Dale, J Rhodes-Orwin and M Romano (OPCC).

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillors M Alfrey (Erewash Borough Council) and S Wain (Derbyshire Dales District Council)

16/24 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

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)

17/24 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor C Moesby be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel for the ensuing municipal year.

18/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

V Newbury declared a pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda Item 9 as an Independent Member and Chair of the Police and Crime Panel and left the meeting during the Panel's consideration of this Item.

19/24 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

20/24 INTRODUCTION FROM THE NEW POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Nicolle Ndiweni, the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner attended the meeting and explained how she looked forward to working with the Police and Crime Panel to make sure that the communities within the County and City were protected and safe.

She gave a brief overview of what had been happening during her short time in the role and looked forward to launching her first Police and Crime Plan shortly after the general election, which would set out her key priorities and ambitions in detail and would engage in an eight week public consultation period with the public, whose voice she was very keen to hear.

The Chair and Members of the Panel welcomed Nicolle to the meeting and looked forward to working with her.

Members, whilst understanding that the PCC had only been in the role a short time, made a number of comments and observations and asked questions which were duly noted or answered by the Commissioner and would be considered moving forward. The Police and Crime Plan would be launched shortly and would give everyone the chance to see in detail her priorities, ideas, and plans.

The Chair thanked the PCC for her attendance.

21/24 MEMBER QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Councillor Wright had submitted the following questions in advance of the meeting.

1. How do you plan to tackle the issue of e-scooters in your Police & Crime Plan? The legislation and enforcement relating to e-scooters has failed so far to manage the use of these vehicles on Derby roads.
2. How will ensure that Derby City receives the appropriate resources to meet the objectives of your Police & Crime Plan?

The Commissioner was generally aware of the issue with e-scooters both nationally and in the Derby and the rest of the County as well. She

explained that she hadn't had sufficient time in post to address this matter fully yet but she would be raising it with the Chief Constable

In relation to the second question, the PCC stated that any decision on resourcing was for the Chief Constable to make around operational issues and resources would be allocated based on need. Following the launch of the new Police and Crime Plan she would be speaking to the Chief Constable again regarding resourcing.

22/24 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL 2023-24

Members considered the proposed Annual Report of work undertaken by the Panel which was attached at Appendix 2 to the report.

RESOLVED

To agree the attached Annual Report at Appendix 2 to the report to demonstrate that the Panel had met the Key Performance Indicators as specified in the Grant Agreement for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

23/24 INDEPENDENT MEMBERS - ALLOWANCES

As the Panel was aware, Derbyshire County Council was provided with an annual grant as the host authority in respect of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel. Payment of the Grant was subject to the standard terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement. The current grant was up to £70,780 per annum.

At the Panel's inception in 2012, constituent councils agreed that the cost of allowances and expenses for attending meetings would be borne by the Member's home authority rather than the Panel itself. This is set out in Section 9 of The Derbyshire Police & Crime Panel's arrangements document. The Panel Arrangements document states that Independent Members, who serve in an entirely voluntary capacity, can be paid "reasonable expenses." It was raised at a previous business meeting of the Panel that Independent Members of the Panel should be able to claim an allowance to reimburse their expenses in relation to their work for the Panel as this is not something that has been done previously in Derbyshire. There is therefore no impediment to such allowances being paid immediately and the Grant agreement suggests that the level of allowance should be £920 per annum.

At the same meeting it was further discussed that as the Chair of the Panel was a high-profile, time-consuming role that was similar to a local authority committee chair, consideration should be given to the introduction of a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) for the role.

Following research undertaken by officers to establish the national picture, the Panel was invited to consider and approve the introduction of a Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chair of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel. It was suggested that this amount is set at £5,000 per annum and indexed to any increases in SRAs paid to elected members of the host authority. The amount of this allowance will also be reviewed by Derbyshire County Council's Independent Remuneration Panel when it next meets to consider the level of Councillor allowances as this will bring an outside perspective.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To agree to the payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance to the Chair of the Panel with effect from 1st April 2024;
- 2) That the level of Special Responsibility Allowance shall be £5,000 per annum which is increased annually in line with any percentage uplift to Special Responsibility Allowances paid to host authority councillors;
- 3) To note that the Panel's Independent Members are entitled to receive an annual allowance of £920;
- 4) To note that the allowances will be reviewed by the Host Authority's Independent Remuneration Panel when it next meets; and
- 5) That the issue of the Panels arrangements preventing an SRA being paid to the Chair of Vice Chair if they were an elected member of one of the constituent councils be looked at at a future business meeting

24/24 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PCC

The new Police and Crime Plan would be launched on 8 July with an eight week consultation period, with the aim being to get as many members of the public on board as possible to try and achieve a high number of responses to the consultation.

25/24 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

There were no forthcoming events to report.

26/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 26 SEPTEMBER 2024

To note the date of the next meeting.

The meeting finished at 11.30 am