

MINUTES of a meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL** held on 18 March 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

PRESENT

V Newbury (in the Chair)

Councillors F Atkinson (Amber Valley Borough Council), M Bagshaw (Chesterfield Borough Council) A Barrow (High Peak Borough Council), V Clare (Erewash Borough Council), J Frudd (Erewash Borough Council), C Hart (Derbyshire County Council) P Innes (Chesterfield Borough Council), R Mee (Erewash Borough Council) P Pegg (Derby City Council), G Potter (Derby City Council), G Purdy (Derbyshire Dales District Council) M Potts (NE Derbyshire District Council), G Rhind (South Derbyshire District Council), and B Woods (Derbyshire County Council) and Dr S Handsley (Independent Member).

Derbyshire County Council officers also in attendance: L Collard (Improvement & Scrutiny,) P Stone, (Finance & ICT) I Walters (Democratic Services) and L Wild (Legal Services).

Also in attendance: H Dhindsa, Police and Crime Commissioner and A Dale, Chief Finance Officer (OPCC).

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of and C Moesby (Bolsover District Council), P Niblock (Chesterfield Borough Council) and J Smale (Derby City Council) and D Peet, Chief Executive (OPCC)

06/21 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel held on 4 February 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

07/21 **COVID – 19 – UPDATE** The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) provided the Panel with an update on the Covid -19.

In advance of the meeting the Panel had requested: The implications for the force coming out of Covid; confirmation from the PCC of how his commitments and strategic priorities outlined in the Police and Crime Plan will be considered in further supporting the people of Derbyshire; would there be additional presence at a local community level to support the PCCs key priority areas : vulnerable people, young people, the impact of drugs and alcohol use, those with mental health issues; and The Panel saw the removal of restrictions as a significant risk and sought reassurance that strategies were

in place to ensure a smooth transition and minimise threat harm and risk for the people of Derbyshire.

The Police & Crime Panel (PCP) had been previously provided with updates on the response to the Covid-19 Pandemic which had outlined the process by which this situation is being managed.

The Panel were reminded that the Force had adopted a 'Gold, Silver, Bronze' command structure to deal with the response. The PCC's office was represented at both the Gold and Silver levels (the bronze level would be too tactical for the OPCC (Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner) to add value).

The issue of the response to the Covid Pandemic was a standing agenda item for the PCC/Chief Constable 1-2-1s that took place every week. The PCC also received ad hoc briefings as the regulations/approach changes, including the responsibilities of law enforcement.

Members had received an update report in advance of the meeting and the PCC covered in detail the areas requested by the Panel above.

Members were given the opportunity to make comments or ask questions which were duly noted or answered.

RESOLVED to note the update.

04/21 **FORTHCOMING EVENTS** The Regional Officer Network meeting would take place shortly and would be attended by L Collard, Improvement & Scrutiny Officer

05/21 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** It was noted that the election for the Police and Crime Commissioner would take place on Thursday 6 May.

The Chair wished to place on record her thanks and appreciation for the help, support and contributions of Panel Members over the last year throughout the pandemic and also to the PCC and his team for the collaborative working that had taken place with the Panel. This view was reciprocated by the PCC.

A number of Panel Members placed on record their thanks and appreciation to the Chair and Vice Chair for all their hard work in moving the panel forward in a positive direction

06/21 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** **RESOLVED** to note that the next meeting would be on Thursday 21 June 2021 at 10.00am.