

Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel achievements June 2020- September 2021

It has been a very busy year for the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel, challenged by Covid and new ways of working. Despite the challenges, the panel has achieved a number of notable successes. As Chair and Vice Chair, Ged and I wanted to share these with you as a reminder of the excellent work we have all achieved.

1. Business meetings

The development of the PCP Business Meetings has led to a greater engagement by panel members. It has achieved almost a 100% attendance and has been used as an opportunity to discuss common areas of concern by the panel members, set the agenda for PCP meetings and developed the knowledge of the panel by the attendance at the business meetings of guest speakers who were experienced practitioners in various aspects of Policing. The value of the Business Meetings has been acknowledged by many panel members who have asked that they continue in the current format, via teams, for future years. This has led to better focused panel meetings and greater panel member engagement and more effective precept scrutiny.

2. Re-engagement with regional meetings

By re-engaging with the regional meetings, we have been able to discuss topics of national and local interest with other panels, share best practice and learn of best practice from other panels. It has also been invaluable with Lucie starting as Improvement and Scrutiny Officer for the panel that she has access to other panels support officers.

3. Secured Improvement and Scrutiny Officer appointment

Lucie Collard was appointed as the Improvement and Scrutiny Officer for the Panel earlier this year. Since this time Lucie has provided invaluable support to the Chair., Vice Chair and the panel and is starting to develop the scrutiny task and finish groups we need to contribute to the work of the panel.

4. National Executive re-engagement, Meeting with Chair

Earlier this year we re-engaged with the National Executive and Ged and I had a very useful meeting with the Chair of the National Executive, John Gili-Ross, and his Scrutiny Officer Emma Tombs, they were able to update us on issues of interest, the national picture and identify how Derbyshire PCP could play a greater role.

5. Ged Potter appointed as member of National Executive

As a result of the meeting with the National Executive Chair, we became aware of an opening on the National Executive Group. Ged put his name forward and was successfully appointed. This brings added value to the panel in Derbyshire as Ged regularly feeds information back from the National Executive to the business meetings.

6. National conference

We were all invited to attend the National Conference in September 2020 which was held virtually. I know the take up from the Derbyshire Panel was good, the flexibility

offered by the ability to dial into specific sessions rather than attend a daylong conference had its benefits for us all.

7. Induction and training pack

Ged has developed an induction and training pack for new panel members. This is also useful as a refresher for existing panel members. This has been put forward as best practice at a regional and national level and received a lot of interest and praise.

8. Training sessions for panel members

Training was provided for Panel members by Frontline Consulting. This will be explored for new panel members.

9. Task Group set up

Lucie has started to set up the task and finish groups, we hope these will be able to start meeting shortly, membership will need to be reviewed to reflect the new panel members.

10. Promoting the role of the Panel

While there is still a lot of work to do here to engage members of the public, so they understand the role of the Derbyshire Police and Crime panel, we have started to engage with key partners to promote the role of the panel and greater collaboration. To date we have met with the Police Federation and Crime Stoppers.

11. Website

Lucie has started to review the pages relating to the panel on the Derbyshire website, this is work in progress.

12. Member allowances

We had a lengthy discussion at a PCP meeting this year on member allowance prompted by a discussion at a business meeting and the paper drafted by Liz Wild for the panel. There is great debate both regionally and nationally about allowances paid to panels in both England and Wales.

13. Complaint's procedure revised and complaint reviews undertaken

The complaints procedure has been revised and several complaints have been received this year. Ged chaired a small group to review a complaint received.

14. Response to PCP Review

Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel was invited by Police Foundation (Home Office) to take part in a comprehensive Strategic Review of Policing in England and Wales for the 21st Century. As a result, a compiled report was circulated amongst the panel members and further comments incorporated before the report was submitted. Further seminars on the findings are to take place.

15. Chief Constable appointment

Nearly every Panel member engaged in the Chief Constable appointment with insightful and well thought out questions to the Chief Constable. Her appointment received a unanimous vote by the panel.

Many thanks for your ongoing input and support, it is much appreciated.

Vicky Newbury - Chair

Cllr Ged Potter – Vice Chair