



## East Staffordshire Safer Neighbourhood Panel

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017

Burton Fire Station, Moor Street, Burton upon Trent, DE14 3SU

### MINUTES

#### Attendees-

John McKiernan (JMCK), Chief Insp Rob Neeson (SM), Claire Bell (CB), Michael Hovers (MH) Gerry Peck (GP), Cllr Bernard Peters (BP), Gul Nawaz (GN), David Leech (DL), Eloise Winfandale (EW) Cllr Ron Clarke (RC),

#### Apologies:

Sarah Lindsey-Smith (SLS), Junaid Gharda (JG) Bob Champeau (BC), Tom Ollernshaw (TO), Bob Rankin (BR)

#### Minutes

The panel approved the minutes. Proposed by GP approved DL

#### Resignation

The panel acknowledged the resignation of Tom Ollernshaw and thanked him for his contribution.

#### Overview of Policing

The Chair welcomed Chief Inspector Rob Neeson (RN) to the East Staffordshire Safer Neighbourhood Panel

RN gave an overview of local Policing. Staffs Police are moving to a new operating model which will mean a shift to response rather than local teams. RN stressed, however, that Staffs Police are still committed to neighbourhoods.

Crime results have been positive recently. However, two outlying statistics. Burglary and Arson figures up across the force. Recent arrests have attributed this spate of crimes with one individual. RN also reported the closure of cannabis factory linked to organised crime.

RN briefed the panel on his vision for PCSO's. The role of PCSO's has

evolved in the last 13 years since creation. RN believes officers require closer mentoring and support, with roles focusing on problem solving and a shift to forward planning rather than a reactive role.

GP asked who supervises the PCSO cohort. RN stated at present it is Neighbourhood Sergeants but Gai Palmer is to move into this role in the near future.

RC Thanked RN for his comments and highlighted the importance of community between PCSO's and Parish Council's.

DL Commented on the benefits of contact from PCSO via SMART alert. RN welcomed the comments but indicated that timing and context of any information needed to have relevance for the receiving person/organisation. Future communications would need to be more targeted and specific to areas.

BP Questioned the affect on Policing following the move of Magistrate court to Derby. RN assured the panel that live links are in place with Derby to enable officers to provide evidence. At present no increase in "failure to appear" notices but Police are expecting a rise over time.

#### **Update on SNP/ETAP Chair Forum Meeting**

JMcK presented the panel with an overview of the Chairs Forum which took place on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Main points included:

Lisa Cope discussed the progress with the 101 contact centre. Visits for members to be arranged through panel coordinators

Rob Taylor discussed the transformation programme, led by David Myers.

All SNP's across Staffordshire are struggling with membership, particularly young people. MH offered to work with the OPCC to construct a pilot scheme to engage young people.

#### **101 call centre**

EW provided members with an update on 101. Members expressed a variety of concerns and retold some of their own negative experiences with the service.

EW looking to organise visits for members to see 101 contact centre in action.

#### **Stop and search update**

JMcK presented on two S&S incidents that had been reviewed by a group of members from the panel. Generally members felt that officers handled both

situations well and also praised officers for close collaborative working with Derbyshire Constabulary.

### **Complaints procedure**

This item was put on hold until the next meeting

### **Future topics**

Cyber crime: EW- OPCC set to publish report on cybercrime in early February. Members agreed to have Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) as an agenda item.

Taser usage – the group agreed to put this review on hold until later in the year.

Hate crime- members decided to look at the possibilities of scoping out a review around Hate Crime.

### **Date of next meeting:**

**Tuesday 11th April 2017, 6:30pm - 8:30pm**  
**Burton Fire Station, Moor Street, Burton upon Trent, DE14 3SU**

(Please note the date has changed to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 as unable to secure the room for the 11th)