

Minutes- Safer Neighbourhood Panel (10/8/16)

Apologies- David Leech, Khadija Bi, Cllr Ron Clarke

Attendees- Gerry Peck (GP), John McKiernan (JMCK), Sarah Lindsey-Smith (SLS), Tom Ollernshaw (TO), Chief Insp Steve Maskrey (SM), Insp Bob Champeau (BC), Junaid Gharda (JG), Claire Bell (CB), Gul Nawaz (GN), Sue Panter (SP), Cllr Bernard Peters (BP), Matthew Ellis (ME), Lorraine Wilde (LW), Adrian Wilde (AW).

Vision of Safer Neighbourhood Panels

Matthew Ellis - Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire

Matthew gave an overview of his vision for Safer Neighbourhood Panels. This focuses on input from local people scrutinising the Police locally and includes performance management of the local force, and holding the Police commander to account.

Key areas for the SNP to focus on should be Police visibility, new technology is freeing up Officer time and the proper use of IT should ensure officers are more visible.

Questions

BP- In the future will the panels role encompass the Fire Service?

ME- envisages relationships being built with other agencies that can contribute to or affect Police work.

SLS- Austerity cuts have affected some public sector services. What is the knock on effects for the Police service?

ME - more officers in Staffordshire, and improved focus on financial management. £14.6m has been taken out of the budget in recent years. Many different agendas for the Police to deal with and the use of technology to proactively support the Police will assist. £110m invested in technology.

GP- Highlighted the use of volunteers through the OPCC

ME- Would like to establish a Police Cadet unit in East Staffordshire. 212 cadets in Staffordshire.

Overview of local policing

Chief Insp Steve Maskrey - East Staffs LPT Commander

LPT (Local Policing Team) area is split into 2 with 5 shifts of officers, 10 officers per shift. Establishment includes 2 sergeants and 22 PCSOs with support from Specials. Other teams include a Pursue team (proactive) Vulnerability Partnership Hub and IOM (Integrated Offender Management) team.

There 7 organised crime groups in East Staffordshire. Police are currently concentrating on 4 of these. Largest threat is drugs coming into the area. Drugs and the presence of them lead to ASB hotspots such as at Unity Park, Shobnall.

Questions

BP- How is Child Sexual Exploitation and Modern Day Slavery addressed.

SM- Central Policing teams are looking at this and linked with the Vulnerability Hub as part of general business. SM went on to describe a best practice project imported from Fulham FC by Burton Albion.

SLS- How are the differing needs of Uttoxeter managed?

SM- Burton Albion integrated into Uttoxeter and working with local kids.

Following a short discussion about a DV incident in Uttoxeter/Rural area SLS asked the following question

SLS- What have the Police learned from work with farming community?

SM- Police officers meet with NUF (National Union of Farmers) to help understand the needs of the community. The Police now have a framework for future working with isolated rural communities.

SLS- A single Police officer can cover 120sq miles?

SM- Yes, But Officers move around and have relations with neighbouring forces to ensure a service is maintained

Overview of the Ethics, Transparency & Audit Panel (ETAP)

Adrian Bowen – Chair of ETAP

AB gave an overview of ETAP. ETAP work takes two forms. Requests from ME or reviews decided by the panel. The Panel provides the public with a chance to get behind the scenes of Police work. Membership of the group is varied and from numerous walks of life and social backgrounds. Reviews can

only recommend potential changes not insist upon them. Working with the ETAP it is important that the SNP and the ETAP maintain a two way information flow.

Performance Dashboard Overview

Jared Nelson - OPCC

Members of the Panel were handed a short presentation on the Performance Dashboard with JG recommending members review the dashboard online.

Code of Conduct and SNP Guidance Document

LW explained the code of conduct and SNP guidance to members. Aim is to provide consistency, support and guidance. The document details membership expectations, roles and responsibilities and guidance on scrutiny reviews.

Questions

BP- No Councillor can be chair, why?

JG- OPCC wish to have the public take a lead on Police scrutiny. More powerful with resident chair than elected member chair.

GP- Should a sub group be formed for each new topic? How many sub groups?

JG- Sub group numbers are generally 2-4 people. ETAP experience 3 is best number and the Chair does not attend sub groups. LW- chair is project manager role and provide oversight.

Items for future meetings:-

- I. Chair person
JG- asked for nominations for chair. Those wishing to put their name forward should e-mail MH
- II. Training
JG- Opportunities will come up in future months for training subject training to help inform scrutiny reviews.
- III. Review topics to include:-
 - Crime information
 - Stop Search
 - Out of Court disposals
 - Complaints and dissatisfaction
 - Taser

Date of next meeting November 9th. Venue TBC. 6.30pm

Close of meeting

