

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 18th January 2021

Present: Cllr Johnson (Chair)
Cllrs L. Barnes, Brennan, Janet Eaton, Kempson, Kenyon,
Morris and Procter

In attendance: Clare Law, Head of People and Policy
Carolyn Sharples, Committee and Member Services Manager
Jenni Cook, Committee and Member Services Officer
Inspector Dave Clarke, Lancashire Constabulary

Also Present: Cllrs Bromley, Hughes, Lythgoe, Neal, Pendlebury, Serridge and
Walmsley
0 press
1 public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS

- 1.1 Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Gill and Z. Ali (Co-opted Member).

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2020 be approved as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- 4.1 The Chair confirmed that there were no urgent items of business.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- 5.1 No questions had been submitted in advance of the meeting. The Chair noted that she would allow questions to be asked on each item as it was discussed.

6. CHAIR'S UPDATE

- 6.1 There was no update from the last meeting.

7. LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY – ANNUAL UPDATE

- 7.1 Inspector Clarke provided members with an update on policing activity during the past twelve months with the following highlighted:

- An outline of crime and sentences from January – December 2020 was provided and notable arrests and sentences discussed.
- Covid-19 had impacted on policing – new powers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for breaches of Covid-19 legislation had been given.
- SPOC support had been given to the Rossendale Connected Hub during the first lockdown period.
- The ongoing Covid-19 response was outlined with extra funding obtained for double-crewed cars for nightly patrols. Plans to use other resources such as specials and mounted police were in the pipeline.
- An online resource (Lancashire Talking) had been utilised to good effect.
- A bid had been agreed to move back from the hybrid model to a neighbourhood policing model and this would be confirmed with the budgets in February 2021.

7.2 Members' questions, submitted prior to the meeting were answered, and further comments were noted below:

- Anti-social behaviour issues at Helmcroft needed to be reported to Together Housing
- Parking issues were under the remit of Lancashire County Council.
- FPNs issued were outlined as follows and it was confirmed that some of these had been issued in Rossendale:
 - o East Division (Rossendale): 2,463
 - o South Division: 507
 - o West Division: 286
- The issues outlined in Waterfoot would be investigated.
- Crime recording and systems were clarified.
- There had been an increase in cannabis 'factories' and this was a national issue.

Resolved:

The update was noted and Inspector Clarke was thanked for his attendance and the work of the Police during 2020.

8. THE FORWARD PLAN

8.1 The Forward Plan had been published with the agenda and tabled upcoming Cabinet decisions that the committee could consider for the O&S Committee. Members were reminded to look at the plan and consider what could be brought to the committee. The provisional agendas for the February and March 2021 meetings were outlined.

Resolved:

The update was noted.

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.15pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____