

## **Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel**

**Wednesday 22 November 2023**

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### **1. Public Speakers**

Two speakers on the same subject as at the last meeting – Warwickshire Hunt. Representing the Hunt Saboteurs Group who it was reported have 48,000 social media followers. The concern was again raised about the private protocol that replaced the CPN, which has not been published. But the questions asked were specifically about, since August 2023, ‘the lack of effective policing of the Warwickshire Hunt’. There were concerns that there was unfair policing of the Hunt and the Group, on the ground, and that letters/complaints were not being responded to.

The PCC reiterate their stance as at the last meeting – their role is not to get into operational policing but to hold the Force to account and is doing so.

### **2. Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

Section 3: ‘Emerging national and local issues’ was discussed. The Panel wanted to know how Warwickshire compared to other Forces in terms of speedy conviction rates. The PCC reminded them of the court backlogs. The DPCC noted that there was a Criminal Justice Dashboard being developed that would be shared with the Panel’s Performance Group.

Section 4: ‘Deliver visible and effective policing’ was discussed. The Panel noted the numbers of uniformed officers and asked about the Force staff. The PCC noted that they were content with the numbers. They also noted that they would want to see Policing levels grow as the population of Warwickshire grew, but that Warwickshire suffers under the current funding formula getting less money per head of population than other Forces.

The Chair asked that the PCC feedback to the Panel on the recently published Policing Productivity Review at a future meeting.

It was noted that the next meeting (February 2024) would be the precept meeting and the Panel asked for information ahead of the meeting (that they had also raised following the precept meeting last year). It was agreed that a meeting/briefing note would be provided ahead of the meeting.

### **3. Community Safety Partnerships**

Start of a new process to look at the efficiency and effectiveness of the allocations made across the county. Historically based on bids for specific projects. This review to look at moving to a more equitable approach, linked to the additional government funding from sources such as Safer Streets.

Report was missing the data and crime statistics, which the Chair requested. The CE of the PCC updated that this would be provided at the planned meeting on 1 December 2023.

#### **4. Issues Raised by Community Safety Partnerships**

Nothing to note.

#### **5. Report of the Planning and Performance Working Group**

Considered Performance and Scrutiny Report for quarter 2 for 23/24. Performance data is improved and welcomed.

Questions about if there was a strategic plan on sustainability and particularly resourcing the carbon footprint. It was noted by the PCC that the new role of Estates and Asset Management role will lead on this - a strategic plan with targets and to track progress, identifying what activities have the most impact. The Panel asked for regular updates as the plan is developed. It was also noted that activities may need investment and the impact may be longer term.

#### **6. Work Programme**

Added in sustainability strategy following last item.