



Reporting Back on Meetings of Outside Bodies

Sussex Police and Crime Panel Meeting - 29 June 2018

Councillor Nicholson – Panel member

The make-up of the panel was reviewed and it was determined there should be an additional Lib Dem Member from ESCC to make their number up to 2. There are 12 Conservatives 3 Labour 2 Lib Dems and 2 independent Co-opted members.

The commissioner presented her Annual Report for 2017/18. She reported that Sussex Police was assessed as good or outstanding. She made reference to 277 projects supported by the Safer in Sussex Community fund at a cost of £1.4m. She has funded an Anti-modern Slavery Delivery Manager to work across Police Forces. She decided not to adopt governance for Fire and Rescue Services. Her full report can be found online.

She reported that as at 31st March 2018 Sussex Police had 2578 police officers, 1811 police staff, 203v Police Community Support Officers and a team of dedicated volunteers that includes 212 special constables and around 180 police cadets.

By 2022 subject to no policy change there will be 200 more police officers who will help support Community Priority Crime Teams, 52 Specialist Firearms Officers, Public Protection Investigators and Prevention Youth Officers.

In the year 2017/18 there was a net underspend of £3.7m. This has been returned to reserves and will be used in accordance with the medium term financial Strategy and the 2018/19 budget.

A report was received from the Commissioner on the subject of Diversity Outcomes .2.3% of Sussex Police declare their Ethnicity to be Black and Minority Ethnic.

31.7% of applicants to the 2018 Police Officer Recruitment Campaign were female which is a small reduction.

The force has undertaken to reach out to BME communities to attract more applicants and to increase Female representation particularly in Senior positions.

The Panel agreed to join the National Association of Police Fire and Crime Panels with terms of reference ,inter alia, to provide a forum for collaborative discussion of issues relating to and impacting on Police and crime panels and Police Fire and Crime Panels.