

Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee
Thursday 21st July 2016
Public Questions

Response to the public questions raised by Mr Alan Kewley from Sheffield for Democracy at the meeting held on Thursday 21st July 2016.

Question 1

What arrangements were now in place for Members of the Committee to receive updates following meetings of the Police and Crime Panel now that the Member who used to provide such briefings (Councillor John Campbell) was no longer a Member of the Council?

The Committee will look to request at least two written updates on the work of the Police and Crime Panel to be submitted to the Committee during 2016-17. These updates have been added to the Committee's Work Programme for 20th October 2016 and 6th April 2017. Councillor Talib Hussain is Chair of the Police and Crime Panel, and could also be asked to attend if appropriate.

Response provided by: Cllr Tony Damms, Chair of the Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee

Question 2

Further to the meeting of the Police and Crime Panel held on 8th July 2016, at which the appointment of the new Chief Constable for South Yorkshire (Stephen Watson) had been approved, and the announcement by Mr Watson that one of the police's priorities would be to increase neighbourhood involvement, could the Council take steps to improve its community involvement including re-establishing PACT (Police and Communities Together) and other such meetings?

The organisation of PACT meetings is a responsibility of the police rather than the City Council, however the police and the City Council are working in partnership to look at these alongside other community meetings in areas to maximise community involvement

Response provided by: Maxine Stavrianakos, Head of Neighbourhood Intervention & Tenant Support

Question 3

Would it be possible for the Committee to undertake a scrutiny exercise into the role and responsibility of the Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership?

A report on the work of the Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership was on the list of possible topics for the committee to consider this year. This topic has been added to the Work Programme for the meeting on Thursday 16th February 2017.

Response provided by: Cllr Tony Damms, Chair of the Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee

Response sent by email on – Wednesday 3rd August 2016

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