

Cheshire Police and Crime panel

Questions to the Commissioner

July 2024

1. Commissioner, according to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs who hold the live data, Burton Wood, Widnes and Runcorn have 512 registered XL bully dogs. This is one of the highest densities in the UK. Can the Commissioner inform me of how many attacks have been reported in Cheshire in the last twelve months?
2. The Cheshire Police and Crime Panel extend their congratulations to The Duke and Duchess of Westminster on their recent marriage and wish them every happiness in the future. The Panel would like to know the full cost to the Cheshire Constabulary of policing the event which was also supported by police officers from neighbouring forces in the lead up and on the day.

Given the continued very challenging fiscal situation faced by Cheshire Constabulary, the Panel would also like to know if the Grosvenor family were approached and asked to make a contribution to the cost in order to reduce the burden to the Cheshire community?

3. In relation to the recent wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, the Panel note that "Just Stop Oil" effected a very serious 'Breach of the Peace, which took place in Chester. Can the Commissioner tell the Panel if an investigation has been undertaken into this lapse in security which led to the offence where protesters managed to expel two fire extinguishers in St Werburgh Street, filled with an unknown orange powder into the atmosphere, whilst the Duke and Duchess and Prince William were exiting the Cathedral.

Has there been an acceptance that this situation was an unacceptable security lapse which could have resulted in a much worse and more dangerous outcome for the Police Officers who bravely responded to the incident, the wedding guests and to the wider public who were in the vicinity? Further what action has been taken against the perpetrators? Was the substance that was expelled sampled for potential contamination due to the introduction a toxic or biological substances?

4. The Commissioner may be aware of the dismissal of the Chief Constable of Northamptonshire, Nick Adderley on the grounds that he falsely claimed military service and had since 2009 worn on his Police uniform medals that he was not entitled to wear. The media has also brought to light that Mr Adderley is under investigation for his time in Staffordshire Constabulary, where it is

alleged, he was involved in fraud in relation to vehicle maintenance. It has also been reported that he served in Cheshire Constabulary, working his way through the ranks to serve as a senior officer. Given recent events and the investigation ongoing in Staffordshire, can the Commissioner reassure the Panel that the Chief Constable is looking to see if there could have been any similar acts committed by Mr Adderley, when he applied to work in Cheshire, or whilst he served as a senior Police Officer in the county.