

Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

Date of Meeting: December

Report of: Mr Bob Fousert.

Subject/Title: Feedback from the sixth national conference for Police and Crime Panels

1. Report Summary

To receive feedback from the sixth national Conference for Police & Crime Panels (PCPs), held on 6 November 2017, at the Warwick Conference Centre, attended on behalf of the Panel by Mr Bob Fousert.

2. Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

3. Background information

Bob Fousert attended the sixth national conference for PCPs, on behalf of the Panel and has provided the following report on the Conference:-

"Initial observation - Some panels sent as many as eight delegates and, as such, were able to attend many of the workshops. Unfortunately I could attend only one of three. I would have liked to attend "Workshop 5 - Public Engagement by PCP's".

Other workshops included:-

1. Police & Fire Collaboration; 2. Police complaints system reforms; 3. Regional Collaboration; 4. Performance Monitoring of Police & Crime Plans; 6. Budget Scrutiny; 7. Co-responding in Mental Health; 8. Partnership Working & Evidence Gathering; 9. Police & Crime Plans, the National Picture, and 10. Looking Forward - Financial Resilience & Transformation.

A resume` of all the workshops has been promised in the next few weeks.

Creation of a LGA Special Interest Group as a precursor to forming an Association of Police & Crime Panels was discussed and consisted primarily of all the information previously provided to PCP's. It was decided that a working group would be formed, which will consist of about 10 volunteers from the meeting, to be chaired by

Hertfordshire. It is expected that much of their initial work will be carried out via social media.

Regional Forums were also held, but I am unable to report anything of interest to the Panel in respect of the North West region, as there was no representation from GMP and the Cumbrian PCP members had to leave in order to catch their train. North Wales were in another forum for Welsh forces.

From networking throughout the day, I felt that it was clear that Cheshire PCP is well ahead of many other Panels in terms of the use of webcasting, social media, number and types of meetings held and the recent move to rotating meeting locations around the county. Like ourselves, much frustration was expressed over the issue of a lack of powers that Panels have in carrying out their remit”.

Seventh national conference for Police and Crime Panels 2018

Notification has been received that the seventh Conference for chairs, members and officers of Police and Crime Panels will take place on Monday 12 November 2018, at Scarman House, Warwick Conference Centre, from 10 am to 4 pm, with arrivals from 9.30 am, with the option of overnight accommodation on-site where required.

Ideas for the programme – speakers, workshops and policy seminars, have been invited. Any comments can be submitted to Julie North julie.north@cheshireeast.gov.uk and they will be passed on to the conference organisers.

4. Financial Implications

There are minimal financial implications, in the cost of attending the conference and travelling expenses.

5. Equality Implications

No direct equalities implications would appear to arise from the recommendations of this report.

6. Contact Information

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