

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT



To:	Leader of the Council
From:	David Fowler, Assistant Director Localities (designate)
Date:	24/01/2013
Subject:	Crime and Police Panel report to Council 30.1.13

Background

In line with new arrangements, it is the turn of the Crime and Police Panel representative (Councillor Mike Connolly) to present a report to Council on 30th January.

- The Greater Manchester Police and Crime Panel is now formally in place – it first met in November last year and more lately on 25 January. The Panel's Membership comprises the 9 Council Leaders, Salford City Mayor, and two independent members (Diane Curry and Maqsood Ahmad). Both independent members bring experience of the voluntary and community sector, and of community issues in GM (and both live in GM).
- The role of the Panel is to support, advise and scrutinise the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). In GM, Leaders have emphasised the importance of working in partnership with the PCC.
- Specific legislation (Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011) sets out the key responsibilities of the Panel. These are:
 - to consider, including the possible veto of the precept proposals
 - to consider the appointment (or dismissal) of the Chief Constable
 - to consider the appointment of the PCCs senior officers (chief executive and chief finance officer)
 - to review and comment on the PCCs Police and Crime Plan, and his priorities
 - to consider any complaints against the PCC

Early issues considered by the Panel include:

- Precept discussions and review of the PCC's initial draft Police and Crime Plan (both on 25 January). This Council, through Councillor Smith has submitted our comments on the Plan and that we are expecting further consultation on the next draft in mid February.
- The PCC has met with all Lead Members with responsibility for Childrens Services to discuss issue of child sexual exploitation and how to enhance joint working to tackle this problem.
- Mr Lloyd, the PCC also has a reciprocal 'duty to cooperate' with community safety partners in the discharge of his duties. The Bury Community Safety Partnership will seek to work with the Commissioner to ensure that the PCC fully understands our Bury Community Safety Partnership's priorities of:
 - Reducing re-offending,
 - Tackling Anti-social behaviour, and

- addressing Domestic violence and abuse.
- The Panel is being supported by the Police and Crime Steering Group - who will support the day-to-day development and leadership of community safety issues. Bury's representative on the Steering Group is Councillor John Smith, who has portfolio responsibility for crime and community safety.

David Fowler
25th January 2013