

**JOINT AUTHORITIES – POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

**COUNCIL, 13 July 2016**

Mr Mayor

I am pleased to share an update of the work of the GM Police and Crime Panel since the start of the year.

January's meeting were notified of the Police and Crime Commissioner's precept and budget proposals for 2016-17. I am pleased to report that the Commissioner has continued allocating funds to Community Safety Partnerships and maintained this at previous year funding levels. In Bury, this fund supports important work in relation to domestic violence and abuse, anti-social behaviour and community cohesion.

The commissioner also informed the Panel that he had recently launched a funding scheme across GM that was aimed at communities bidding for a slice of £900,000 to build strong neighbourhoods, encourage volunteering and empower the region's young people. In Bury, we worked closely with the Commissioner's office to hold a workshop for community groups to learn more about the fund. I am pleased to say that groups in Bury have benefited from over £70K of this funding.

Meetings since January have also helped shape a forward work plan to inform the work of the Police and Crime Panel. The focus has been to identify work streams of commonality across the 10 Local Authorities in Greater Manchester together with our strategic partners. The forward plan also takes direction from both the

Police and Crime Commissioner's Plan and the Greater Manchester devolution agenda. There are strong links between the content of this plan and our own Community Safety priorities; this puts us in a good position to harness opportunities to work together, as well as maximising potential funding opportunities.

Other items include an agreement to consider a report in May 2017 that reviews the Police and Crime Panel arrangements following the election of a Mayor for Greater Manchester.

Finally, the Panel have put on record their appreciation for all the work undertaken by Councillor Mike Connolly as the Portfolio Leader for Police and Crime and wished him well in the future. I am pleased to inform you that at June's Annual meeting of the Panel, it was agreed that I should be appointed as his successor.

I intend to carry on the good work and strong leadership provided by Councillor Connolly, at the same time helping to ensure Bury continues to have a strong voice around the table in relation to all Police and Crime matters.

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