

Police and Crime Panel Report

I am happy to report to members that the first item on the agenda of the last meeting was that I was appointed as Chair of the Panel for the next municipal year so I will be able to continue to represent Bury's interests in this role.

We also recently welcomed a number of new members to the Panel and agreed the procedures and code of conduct for the Panel.

The Panel also acknowledged the winding up of the Greater Manchester Fire Committee meant that the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Panel will initially act in an advisory capacity to the Deputy Mayor in respect of fire issues, until conversations between the GMCA and the Home Office had secured legislative change to extend the role and status of this Panel.

Members may have also seen that we are hoping to attract two independent members to sit on the Panel so we have been trying to encourage applications for these posts.

The Deputy Mayor Beverly Hughes provided an update on the Police & Crime Work Plan and I want to make members aware of two specific areas of focus for the year ahead:

That work has begun on developing an over-arching Domestic Abuse Strategy alongside implementation plan

Secondly, that Police, through Programme Challenger will be leading on developing a consistent multi-agency response across GM to organised crime, including modern slavery with a focus on prevention and early intervention through targeting resources. This will be backed up with a Strategy.

Finally we also heard a report which outlined the learning identified from major incidents in Greater Manchester during 2017 and highlighted significant developments in civil resilience and the management of emergencies. Members will be reassured to learn that there was a detailed process for ensuring that this learning is cascaded to future events and there were national debriefs to ensure learning is shared.

I will continue to provide an update on the Panels work later in the year.