

**JOINT AUTHORITIES, POLICE AND CRIME PANEL, COUNCIL,
21 October 2015**

Madam Mayor

I am pleased to give an update from the GM Police and Crime Panel meetings held on 26 June 2015 and 25 September 2015.

The meetings have helped shape a joint work plan for the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Steering Group and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. 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 and maximise potential funding opportunities.

As Chair of the Police and Crime Panel, I recently welcomed the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner to Bury for the launch of our Domestic Violence Strategy (2015 to 2018). We signed a pledge to work together to tackle the blight of Domestic Violence within our communities.

I am pleased that Diane Curry from 'Partners of Prisoners' and Maqsood Ahmad from the NHS were reappointed as co-opted members of the panel for a second term.

The September meeting confirmed the appointment of Ian Hopkins to the post of Chief Constable for Greater Manchester Police. Ian Hopkins brings with him a detailed knowledge of Greater Manchester having been the deputy Chief Constable since 2008. He takes on the role at one of the most challenging times for

policing, facing continued cuts to the policing budget. I know he is committed to providing the very best service for the citizens of Greater Manchester and I am sure Council will join me in congratulating him on his appointment.

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