

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – REPORT FOR THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

I continue to attend and chair the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council and I can confirm the panel has now commenced its work in relation to scrutiny of ongoing development of the Police and Crime Plan by the new Police and Crime Commissioner, Michael Lane.

Following a selection process applied to 15 applications for the position of Independent Member of the panel, two independent members have recently been selected by the panel and will be invited to the next full panel meeting which will take place on the 7th October 2016 at Winchester.

The future work plan of the panel includes pro-active scrutiny work in relation to Domestic Violence and Restorative Justice. The scrutiny of these subjects will commence in the coming months and reports will be published in due course.

Island Issues

I have particularly made note of two matters of concern in relation to the Island a) the apparent lack of engagement and communication by the commissioner - drawn to my attention by Councillor Jordon and b) the recent spate of crime in Ryde which has raised the fear of crime in that area – drawn to my attention by Councillor Whittle.

I shall be raising both of these matters with the Commissioner on behalf of the Island when we next meet and I will seek assurance from him that action is being taken on both.

Councillor Dave Stewart
Chair of the Police and Crime Panel