

Report to: **Governance Committee**

Date: **19 July 2016**

By: **Director of Adult Social Care and Health**

Title of report: **Appointments to Outside Bodies – Safer Community Partnerships**

Purpose of report: **To propose County Councillor representation arrangements for the locality East Sussex Safer Community Partnerships**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Governance Committee is recommended to:

- 1) appoint a councillor as the Council’s representative on the Eastbourne, Lewes and Wealden Community Safety Partnership and on the merged Safer Hastings and Safer Rother Community Safety Partnership; and**
 - 2) appoint substitute councillor representatives to each of the two Community Safety Partnerships**
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1. Supporting Information

1.1 The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 provided the framework for the establishment of Community Safety Partnerships. It gave the lead responsibility for crime and disorder reduction to the Police and Local Authorities, as well as a duty to consider crime and disorder in all of their activities.

1.2 Community Safety Partnerships are multi-agency groups comprised of representatives from the police, council, fire service, probation and voluntary sector, along with members of the community. County Councillor representation on the Community Safety Partnerships is a vital part of the Community Safety partnership arrangements, shaping and delivering local Community Safety priorities.

1.3 Locally, the East Sussex District and Borough based Community Safety Partnerships have recently reconfigured from five into two:

- Eastbourne, Lewes & Wealden Community Safety Partnership
- Merged Safer Hastings & Safer Rother Community Safety Partnership

County Councillor representation needs to be agreed for each group.

1.4 Delivery of both local and county-wide safer communities’ plans constitutes the East Sussex offer to local residents. The East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership is therefore committed to ensuring its work connects both local and county-wide activities.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that nominations for the two new Community Safety Partnerships are sought from those Councillors who had previously been appointed to the five District and Borough based partnerships:

- John Barnes (Rother)
- Nick Bennett (Lewes)
- Peter Pragnell (Hastings)
- Richard Stogdon (Wealden)
- Steve Wallis (Eastbourne)

2.2 The Governance Committee is asked to agree to the appointment of one Councillor to each of the two Community Safety Partnerships and to the appointment of a substitute councillor for each Partnership.

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