

**Sussex Police and Crime Panel****6 October 2017****Written Questions****Report by the Clerk to the Police and Crime Panel**

The table below provides a schedule of the written questions received prior to this meeting and where possible responses have been included. Responses will be tabled at the meeting that were not available at the time of despatch. Written Questions must be received 2 weeks before a meeting of the Panel and the Commissioner or Panel Chairman is invited to provide a response by noon of the day before the meeting.

Questions that relate to operational matters of Sussex Police will be passed to a relevant officer at Sussex Police for a response and a brief summary of the question will be provided below. For the current meeting 3 questions have been received for a response by the Commissioner.

Question	Response
<p>Why is it when I've reported crime against my 7 year old son it took a week to make contact then after a further incident was told by the call centre persons that my son shouldn't be out playing.</p> <p>Seems to me you don't want to deal with these problems and take easy route out and get the victims to go away.</p> <p>Totally disgusted on the service we've received so far</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Michelle Borrett</p> <p>Crawley</p> <p>West Sussex</p>	<p>Answer to follow</p>

<p>Is the Commissioner satisfied with what are the police doing to support other services to ensure that young people do not end up as rough sleepers on the streets?</p> <p>Susan Gorman</p> <p>Hove</p>	<p>Answer to follow</p>
<p>At a recent meeting, the Chair of Angmering Parish Council advised that police will not enforce infringements of 20 mph zones in residential areas as the zones were not mandatory. Can you reassure residents that these zones are legally enforceable and that police will respond to persistent breaches of the mandatory speed limit?</p> <p>Tony Cross</p> <p>Angmering</p>	<p>Answer to follow</p>
<p>Dear Ms Bourne</p> <p>At your first election campaign you clearly stated:</p> <p><i>To recognise their exceptional contribution, Katy will offer all Specials a refund on the police's share of Council Tax - equivalent to £550 over four years and work with Councils to establish whether there are any further incentives which can be offered.</i></p> <p>However some 5 years later nothing positive has progressed on the matter as you were informed the refund would be treated as a taxable income. The plan appeared to be replaced by the option to join a lifestyle website offering discount vouchers.</p>	<p>Answer to follow</p>

<p>Do you feel that you have fully actioned your original commitment to recognise the contribution of Specials? After all Boris Johnson, in his position of Mayor of London back in 2015, was able to roll out this scheme to Special Constables within the Met Police after consulting with HMRC on the tax payment. Would this not indicate that there is a written policy already in place for your office to implement within Sussex Police?</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Philip Matthews</p> <p>Chichester</p>	
<p>We live in Coolham (RH13 8QN) and all summer, evenings and weekends from dawn to dusk) we are plagued by groups of motor bikes accelerating to high and dangerous speed through the village. 100s go by on sunny Saturday and Sundays.</p> <p>It severely impacts our quality of life. We are woken at 5 am and can't get to sleep before dusk. Not to mention the serious risk to our children's life.</p> <p>We have been over taken at high speed while turning into our drive way multiple times.</p> <p>They are totally out of control and something needs to be done before a life is lost</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Eadaoin Redmond</p>	<p>Answer to follow</p>

<p>I would like to know the number of police officers on duty in our Horsham district and how this compares with numbers on duty throughout West Sussex? I am concerned that we are a very large area and there are not enough officers on call to service and respond to our rising rural crimes and the general knowledge amongst perpetrators that we suffer from such a shortage.</p> <p>Cllr Tricia Youtan</p> <p>Horsham District Council</p>	<p>Answer to follow</p>
<p>What does the Commissioner feel the role of youth workers in working with Police to reduce Anti-Social behaviour with Young people?</p> <p>Hangleton and Knoll have a community based model where Police, Residents, and Youth team work together successfully tackling local issues.</p> <p>Are there other examples where the Commissioner feels youth work has supported Police activity?</p> <p>We are grateful to PCC for support of youth work via Police Community Fund enabling us to tackle issues as they arise.</p> <p>Patricia Weller MBE</p> <p>Hangleton</p>	<p>Answer to follow</p>
<p>I'd like to put the following questions to the panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many PCSOs and PCs are there in the Sussex force and how does this compare to five years ago?</li> <li>• What has the Commissioner done to lobby the</li> </ul>	<p>Answer to follow</p>

<p>government against budget cuts?</p> <p>Many thanks</p> <p>Sarah Murphy</p> <p>Brighton</p>	
<p>Despite telling Sussex Police whom I suspected of being responsible for the burglary of my house, and Sussex Police subsequently finding some of the stolen items at that person's house, it was 13 weeks before she was interviewed, and her drug-dealing partner not at all. I wonder if one or both of them might have been a police informant.</p> <p>What is Sussex Police's policy towards their informants? Are they treated differently by Sussex Police in respect of crimes they may have committed?</p> <p>Mr J Perez</p> <p>Bognor Regis</p>	<p>Answer to follow</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What role does the Police Commissioner envisage for the LATs (Local Action Team)?</li> <li>2. Are there terms of reference for these. If not can there be?</li> <li>3. The Police are now seen as the line of last resort for those with mental health problems, what % of the police budget will be allocated for this?</li> </ol>	<p>Answer to follow</p>

<p>Thankyou</p> <p>Juliette Hunting, Resident of Brunswick, Hove</p>	
<p>How does the Commissioner expect the community to have trust and confidence in policing when the police does not engage with the community? In my personal experience, emails and calls on Parish matters have not responded to just as much as 101 calls are not answered (loading 999 as a consequence) and online reports are equally not responded to in any manner.</p> <p>Sanjeev Joshi Itchingfield Parish Council</p>	<p>Answer to follow</p>