

## **Police and Crime Panel Report for O&S 11 September 2017**

This report covers the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July. A verbal report will be given on the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### **July Meeting**

This was the first meeting since the GCC elections and the composition of the Panel changed due to the need to have a membership proportional to the number of seats held by each political party across Gloucestershire. Will Windsor Clive was elected as chair and Colin Hay as vice-chair. A briefing was given on the role of the Panel for the benefit of new members.

In June HMIC reported on the effectiveness of Child Protection within the constabulary. The report can be accessed on-line as part of the Panel meeting agenda. Officers were found to be highly committed but seriously under resourced, and the report highlighted significant shortcomings in processes and procedures. Case studies of individual cases showed serious failings. An action plan in response to HMIC's recommendations was required within six weeks of the report. Some recommendations were to be implemented immediately. HMIC will make another inspection this month.

The Commissioner's Fund has assisted over 350 projects since its inception in 2012. The current bidding round had seen 166 applications of which 78 had been funded. 45% of the awards went towards trying to prevent young people getting involved in the criminal justice system.

### **Lack of Information**

Members continue to be disappointed that the PCC's Decision Log is not updated quickly. Scrutinising these decisions is an important function of the Panel. Another concern is lack of timely data by the Home Office to enable comparison of effectiveness with other constabularies. A copy of the consultant's report on collaboration between the emergency services, promised to members at the July meeting, has yet to be received.

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