

PCP Report for O&S – Monday 29th October

Date of meeting: Friday 14th September 2018

Summary

The meeting contained two standard agenda items and two other items. The main item I wish to bring to the attention of O&S is the proposal for the Child Friendly Gloucestershire initiative, and how that fits in with CBC's upcoming work next year on child poverty.

This meeting fell on the same day as an event I was required to attend for my job. As such I attended the first one and a half hours.

Standard item: Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive's report received reasonable scrutiny. Most of the ensuing conversation focused around safe driving and the introduction of dash cams. The constabulary is presently not operationally able to process the amount of evidence that dash cams would generate. However the aim is to be ready in twelve months' time. Members raised questions about the possibility that the introduction of dash cam evidence would create a two-tier justice system, wherein incidents recorded on camera would be investigated over incidents without that same level of evidence. The OPCC are aware of this issue, but recognise that even the presence of cameras – as is the case with worn body cams – could be enough to reduce the chances of crimes happening in the first place.

Other road and vehicle queries were raised, including rural policing and all-terrain vehicles, in an otherwise straightforward conversation in which members broadly accepted the contents of this report.

Non-standard item: Child Friendly Gloucestershire

OPCC staff presented their proposal for a county-wide initiative aimed at making Gloucestershire a place designed to enable children to thrive and be safe.

The background to this is the recent damning Ofsted report into GCC's children services. The Police and Crime Commissioner felt it was important to be involved in improving life for the county's children, under the Crime element of his remit. The proposal, which is based on the hugely successful Child Friendly Leeds initiative, can be found on the GCC website at:

<http://glosoftext.glos.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=650&MId=8728&Ver=4>

This is an important and exciting proposal, which could make substantial changes to the lives of young people in our county. CBC officers are presently preparing work to tackle child poverty in our district, and there will be a member seminar on this subject on Wednesday 7th November. I strongly encourage all members to familiarise themselves with the PCC proposal and to then attend this seminar, so that we are all working towards this important goal in 2019.

Non-standard item: Criminal Justice

I was not present for this section of the meeting.

Standard item: Police and Crime Plan Priorities Highlight Report

I was not present for this section of the meeting.

Cllr Jonny Brownsteen