

## **Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 – update from Cllr. Clucas**

This was the first meeting of the new panel. It began with member introductions followed by the election of the new Chair and Deputy Chair.

The new Chair is Cllr. Steve Robinson, and the Deputy Chair is Cllr. Sajid Patel.

I was shocked to see that had Suzanne Williams not been a sub, I would have been the only female member. I raised the issue as, without proper representation, the voice of women will not be heard.

The Commissioner said that the majority of his team were women and he often sought their views. However, the issue I raised was in relation to the Panel!

Mr Nelson went through the actions that have been taken since he was elected as PCC.

The matter of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service downgrading of the service was also discussed and I raised the need for a special meeting to ensure that effective action was being noted. There was a discussion and eventually that was agreed.

However, since the meeting, it has now been decided that the date would be the normal September meeting as part of the scheduled meeting!

I will not be able to attend that meeting and a Sub is being arranged.