**Police Partnership Panel Meeting**

**Friday 28th October 2022 at 10.15am**

**Notes**

# 1. Apologies

Received from Councillors Erwin and Whittle.

# 3. Confidentiality Agreement

Members were reminded that confidential information may be discussed as per the Confidentiality Agreement that has been signed.

**4. Update from Local Policing Team**

Inspector Greenaway reported that:

* + Crime figures are below comparative town.
  + There are no specific locations or addresses in the town associated with demand callers.
  + There is only one individual on a cuckooing plan (daily visit to a property where the resident is deemed at risk from criminals operating from their home). The success of other cuckooing plans has resulted in some people moving from the area.
  + The Police and Crime Commissioner is considering installing average speed cameras along the A41. This should help with the speeding traffic and motorbikes.
  + A new PC should be starting in the next few weeks. He will attend a council meeting to introduce himself and future meetings as and when requested.
  + A replacement CSO is being recruited; cover is currently provided from the other local towns.

Inspector Greenaway reiterated the need for crimes to be reported. The information reported can help to build cases against individuals and help secure orders against them

**5. To consider updates and actions against the agreed priorities.**

Domestic Violence (DV)

The police take action in all cases of DV, the perpetrator in most cases will be arrested; this has resulted in an increase in reports as individuals know that action will be taken.

Drugs and ASB in Public Places

No specific locations in town identified as demand areas. The use of drugs sold on licenced premises was discussed. Local policing team to carryout spot checks.

County Lines and Support for Children

An individual involved in County Lines has recently been arrested.

Exploitation of young people – the Grove are very proactive and make referral when they have concerns.

**6**. **Other Issues**

ASB on Town Park

This has improved since the benches have been removed.

‘Boy racers’ through town on a Friday and Saturday evening.

Officers will be requested to investigate the issue. The Inspector spoke about Operation Snapp, an initiative that encourages members of the public to submit photographic evidence relating to driving offences they have witnessed. She suggested that Town Council nominate roads in the town to be included in the operation. Once the roads are accepted, signage will be installed informing members of the public how they can report incidents.

**7. Town Walkabouts**

The lack of lighting in the alleyway from Cheshire Street to Queens Street (in between Barnardo’s and the Vape Shop) was discussed. The owner was spoken to and he agreed to a new outside light being installed on the back of his building. The cost of the new light and installation to be paid from the Police Panel Budget.

Installing some artwork on the back of the WH Smith building on Queen Street was discussed again. Contact has been made regarding this, but no response has been received. Inspector Greenaway to make enquiries.

**8. Next Steps**

Attendance at the meetings and walkabouts was discussed. The current membership is limited to Committee Chairs and the Mayor. It was agreed to discuss membership at the next Community and Governance Meeting.