**C&G Committee Meeting**

**21 September 2023**

**Appendix CG69**

**Police Partnership Panel Meeting Notes**

**Wednesday 9 August 2023, 10.30am at the Town Hall**

1. **In attendance**

Cllrs: R. Aldcroft, M. Erwin, W Love, T. Manton. I. Nellins Inspector Greenaway, Sue Thomas, Town Clerk

# 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Non were received.

# 3. Confidentiality Agreement

Members were reminded that confidential information may be discussed.

**4. Meeting Notes**

 The notes were approved.

**5. Update from Local Policing Team on issues in the area and on the Town Council priorities**

Domestic violence

should be renamed domestic abuse as this is a more encompassing description.

Drugs

There continues to be low level drug use in the town.

A warrant was served last Tuesday in Wem for drug distribution; there was a link to Market Drayton. LPT are working with Shropshire Council for the business to have their trading licence revoked.

Work ongoing around high level intelligence in the community which is leading to intelligence being fed up the chain.

There is a lack of low level intelligence about drug users in the town, for example, those individuals sitting on the benches drinking & smoking. There seems to be an acceptance that they are the local drug users.

ASB

Levels remain the same, public are reporting issues.

* Starting to target low level inquisitive crime, ie shop lifting. Levels in the town are currently low.
* County lines have had a significant focus in the town. A number of families are being dealt with/supported. Social care is not adequately staffed, LPT are picking up work that social workers would normally deal with.
* PCSO will be in school a couple of hours each week. This will hopefully ensure the information is being fed through quicker.
* There are two cuckooing plans that require a daily visit and approximately 10 Domestic Violence plans which require weekly visits.
* All reports that are dealt with must have the appropriate paperwork and reports completed; this takes officers from the street.
* To try and show a police presence officers who are travelling from job to job will take a route through the community rather then down the main roads.

Town and Parish Council Survey 2023

Inspector went through crime figures to show how the police are responding to local issues in response to the Town and Parish Council Survey 2023.

Councillors expressed concern that the local police do not respond to members of the public who email questions/concerns. Inspector Greenaway to look into the examples provided.

Councillors asked if crimes reported via emails are recorded as incidents? The Inspector responded that depending on the issue it could be categorized as contact logs rather than an incident. She explained that whether a resident reports details of a crime by phone or email, they should be given a crime number. How soon this is provided will depend on the level of the crime.

Councillor Erwin left the meeting.

The Inspector asked for Councillors suggestions as to what could be improved and how. The Inspector will then respond with what can be achieved.

Inspector Greenaway said that she can provide year on year crime figures for Council to look at. Members asked if this information could be shared with members of the public to make the public aware of the work undertaken by the LPT.

The Inspector said the crime rate figures are an indicator; they dot not reflect the level of work being undertaken by the local policing team around issues.

The number of crimes solved shows as low, this is due to how the cases are coded when they are closed. A high number of crimes are allocated no 16; the reporter does not want to progress with the complaint.

**6. Other Issues**

* The WH Smith window has been cleaned and ready for the artwork to be installed.
* Summer holidays – there is a patrol plan that is used annually over the summer period which covers the parks and open spaces.
* Purchasing of Knuckle busters, knives etc. It is really easy to purchase them. The royal mail work with the police around this issue
* The Community Speed Watch group is struggling to get volunteers to help. They are desperate for some local support and are disappointed with the support from West Mercia Police; they would like a police officer to attend occasionally to give some creditability to the scheme. The Inspector said that if the volunteers are being abused a report should be sent through with the speeding reports and the local policing team will deal with the issue. Details of the next speed watch dates to be to be sent to the Inspector to arrange for a police presence.
* Dairy Close – parking on the corner of the road is dangerous. Details to be sent to the Inspector.
* The Town Council priorities are due to be reconsidered.