

West Hill Parish Council (WHPC) – 7 June 2022
Agenda Item 22/191

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – Councillor Advocate Scheme

Meeting with Inspector Weeks (Teams), Exmouth Police Area.

FOR INFORMATION

1. Inspector Weeks sent this invitation on 11th May 2022

“Now we are moving on from the last two years dominated by the pandemic I am keen to establish regular communication between police and locally elected representatives – specifically those of you who have volunteered to be councillor advocates as part of the Police and Crime Commissioner’s scheme. You should be receiving regular strategic updates from the PCC’s office however I can add a local perspective. I am proposing a bi-monthly forum – online initially for ease - where I can give you an update of current policing issues and outcomes and then answer any questions from yourselves. I won’t be able to go into detail about specific cases so please don’t make any promises to your constituents about bringing any individual matters to this meeting. I intend to keep the meeting to about an hour but we can also take matters off line on a one to one basis if necessary.

The proposed dates for future meetings in 2022 are:

18th May @11am; 27th July @11am; 21st Sept @11am and 30th Nov @11am

A initial meeting was held back in March for Exmouth councillor advocates but I would like to include all advocates for my area. At this time MS Teams is the only platform available for me to hold this meeting on.

I hope you can make this meeting and please let me know if you think it is useful or indeed if you think a different approach would be better.”

2. I attended the 18th May 2022 meeting (via Teams). Other attendees were 2 Exmouth Town Councillors, a Budleigh Salterton Town Councillor and a Devon County Councillor, who is also an Exmouth Town Councillor. Meetings do not have agendas nor are they minuted.

3. Inspector Weeks gave a presentation:

Exmouth – 27 response PCs, 3 sergeants, 4 Neighbourhood officers, a Detective Sergeant and 6 Detective Constables plus police and Special Constables.

Ottery St Mary – 1 Neighbourhood Sgt, 3 Neighbourhood Officers and 2 Community Police Support Officers.

Force Control Strategy

- Violence against Women and Girls
- Dangerous Drug Networks
- Vulnerability Reduction
- And
- Developing Police response to
- Persistent and Severe anti- social behaviour
- Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime
- Cyber dependent crime – serious fraud.
- And
- Road Safety – focus to reducing death on roads.

4. Contact with the Police

Contact methods – 101, 101 webchat, Letter, In Person, Email, 999.

5. Crime figures. Gave those for Exmouth Town, Budleigh Salterton and West Hill. I didn't recognise the West Hill figures given and then the Inspector realised they included Tipton St John. I mentioned the low level antisocial behaviour issues in respect of the PlayPark and that the PCSO was aware.
6. There were then questions and comments from Councillors eg vandalism to public toilets Lympstone etc. Main comments about public's difficulty in contacting police, in seeing little point in making contact when nothing happens etc.
7. **Next meeting is the 27th July 2022. If Councillors have an issue they wish raised then please advise Cllr CANNINGS by 15th July.**

Councillor Della M CANNINGS QPM