

AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL LINK MEMBERS

Background

The Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Panel, with the support of the Commissioner, has established the PCP Link Member role with the aim to:

- Draw on the knowledge, expertise and interests of Panel Members to contribute to and influence the work of the PCC in key areas of business;
- Develop the role of the Panel in proactive scrutiny work;
- Support the development of strong and effective partnership working with Local Authorities, Community Safety Partnerships and the wider partners at a local level in delivering the Police and Crime Plan;
- Strengthen accountability and transparency by inviting Link Members to report back to the full Panel Membership on activities and key issues in their area of business.

Link Members are supported by the PCP Committee Administrator and OPCC named contact, and report back to the Panel on activities and key issues through a standing agenda item.

Link Member Roles and Approach

Link Member roles have been identified and offered to reflect the interests of Panel Members, draw on expertise and make the most of opportunities to link with complementary roles held by members of the Panel. Some Link Member roles have been in place for a number of years, while others have emerged during the past year and are at an early stage of development. Where possible, the OPCC has sought to identify a mechanism by which the Link Member can contribute regularly and systematically to development of the area of business covered by the role. This approach has shown to be beneficial and with a positive impact, for example in the Vulnerability Link Member role through membership of the Victims Recommissioning Board and involvement in the Vulnerability Service Delivery Assurance event. In other areas, it is acknowledged that opportunities for involvement have been more ad hoc to date. It is proposed to identify and develop a more systematic approach to the Link Member role in the 2018/19 year.

Link Member Area	PCP Link Member/s
Development of the Police and Crime Plan	Cllr Asher Craig (Bristol)
Vulnerability	Cllr Roz Willis (North Somerset)
Reducing Reoffending	Joseph Mullis (Independent Member)
Cyber Crime	Cllr John Parham (Mendip)

Representative Workforce	Cllr Asher Craig (Bristol) Cllr Afzal Shah (Bristol)
Business Crime	Andy Sharman (Independent Member)
Collaboration	Cllr Mark Weston
Multi-Agency Data Analytics	Cllr Mark Shelford (Bath & NE Somerset)

Recommendations

The Panel is invited to consider the proposed approach to taking forward PCP Link Member roles and approach over the coming year.

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