ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Report to Overview Select Committee – 28 July 2015

Name of Meeting:	Police & Crime Panel Meeting
Date of Meeting:	3 July 2015
Report by:	Councillor L Brown
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor P Wotherspoon

Feedback:

Brad Watson was elected as Chairman and Bill Bentley as Vice-Chairman.

Proportionality

This was reviewed and the makeup of the panel for the ensuing year will be:

Conservatives – 12 Labour – 3 Lib Dems – 2 UKIP - 1

In response to a question on policing numbers locally, the Commissioner replied that she could give no reassurances about numbers and that staff would be informed first. There would be an announcement made in the next couple of weeks.

Annual Report

Sussex remains a low crime area.

55% reduction in recorded crime since 2004/5

From April 2014 until April 2015 a total of 154 Police Officers have been recruited to maintain current levels.

40 PCSOs also recruited.

Improved capabilities to deal with sexual violence, domestic abuse and child sexual exploitation.

New Business Crime Strategy

The office remains one of the most cost-efficient in England & Wales, costing 66p per household per annum. (National Average is £1.02)

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Financial Report

Carl Rushbridge, the Chief Finance Officer, presented his report.

Complaints

There had been no complaints received from the public regarding the Police & Crime Commissioner.