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SPECIAL OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Overview Select Committee will be held in the Council Chamber (the Pink Room) at the Arun Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, BN17 5LF on Tuesday, **23 January 2018 at 6.00 pm** and you are requested to attend.

Members: Councillors Dingemans (Chairman), English (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Bence, Blampied, Edwards, Elkins, Hughes, Mrs Oakley, Oliver-Redgate, Oppler, Miss Rhodes, Mrs Rapnik, Warren, Dr Walsh and Wheal.

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers are reminded to make any declarations of pecuniary, personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on this agenda and are reminded that they should re-declare their interest before consideration of the item or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.

Members and officers should make their declaration by stating :

- a) the item they have the interest in
- b) whether it is a pecuniary, personal and/or prejudicial
- c) the nature of the interest

3. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview Select Committee held on 21 November 2017 (which have been previously circulated.)

4. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. *COUNCIL MOTION - POLICING PRIORITIES

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The format for the meeting is as follows:

- Welcome and Introduction from the Chairman, Councillor Dingemans
- Presentation from Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner – Katy Bourne
- Presentation from the Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing – Councillor Clayden on the Safer Arun Partnership
- Questions from the Committee
- Questions from Arundel, Bognor Regis and Littlehampton Town Councils
- General Question and Answer Session

(Note: *Indicates report is attached for Members of the Committee only and the Press (excluding exempt items). Copies of reports can be viewed on the Council's web site at www.arun.gov.uk or can be obtained on request from the Committee Manager.)

(Note: Members are also reminded that if they have any detailed questions, would they please inform the Group Head of Policy, Cabinet Member and/or relevant Lead Officer in advance of the meeting in order that the appropriate Officer/Cabinet Member can attend the meeting.)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL****REPORT TO AND DECISION OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE
ON 23 JANUARY 2018****PART A : REPORT****SUBJECT: Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner – Policing Priorities****REPORT AUTHOR: Jackie Follis – Group Head of Policy DATE: 8 January 2018
EXTN: 37580****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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1. BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 As an elected representative, the PCC is charged with securing effective policing in Sussex and to hold the Chief Constable to account for delivering of the Police and Crime Plan.
- 1.2 The PCC is charged with holding the Sussex Police Budget from which all policing of the area is financed and raising the local Police precept via Council Tax collected by billing authorities such as Arun.
- 1.3 The PCC has responsibility for ensuring the priorities set out within the Safer in Sussex Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017 are met. This Plan has four strategic objectives that drive it – being:
 - Crime and community safety
 - Victim Focus
 - Public confidence
 - Value for money

- 1.5 These objectives are achieved through engagement with the community, victims and witnesses, business and the voluntary sector; partnership with health community safety partnerships; local authorities; the Sussex Criminal Justice Board and youth offending services and via the Police through neighbourhood policing.
- 1.6 The PCC provides funding for projects and is represented on the Safer Arun Partnership (SAP). The partnership is a body that includes the Police and the County Council. It is chaired by Arun's Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing. The role of SAP is:
- “To work in partnership to proactively and reactively reduce the risk of harm and vulnerability associated with crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour for identified individuals, communities and neighbourhoods”*
- 1.7 The SAP sets the strategic priorities for the District based on an annual Strategic Intelligence Assessment. The agreed priorities for 2017/18 are:
- **Tackling and reducing Anti-Social Behaviour** (priority since 2012)
 - **Think Family** (priority since 2013)
 - **Street Communities** (priority since 2015)
 - **Serious and Organised Crime:** impact and response to County Lines (drugs) and ‘Cuckooing’ (new priority)
 - **Reducing Exploitation:** child sexual exploitation, adult safeguarding, modern slavery (new priority)
- 1.8 There has been a notable shift in approaches to community safety over the last five years of the SAP partnership, critically a move away from focusing on reducing volume crimes towards reducing the threat, harm and risk associated with specific types of crime and anti-social behaviour. This shift reflects the increasing complexity of issues within crime and community safety including various forms of human exploitation: modern slavery, child sexual exploitation and human trafficking.
- 1.9 Traditional methods and approaches to tackling and reducing harm, crime and associated problems have needed to be re-evaluated and now encompass a wide array of partners, some of whom may not be traditionally associated with criminal justice functions; particularly housing and health – physical and mental wellbeing. These types of harms now require closer working with West Sussex County Council functions (such as social care and safeguarding) and the third sector.
- 1.10 In Arun, a Street Community Multi Agency Assessment Conference is convened monthly and attended by enforcement and support agencies to identify and provide appropriate support for known individuals. Significant results have been achieved in assisting homeless individuals into accommodation, but the support extends to assist individuals in accessing services to support a range of conditions including mental health, drugs and alcohol and financial/benefit advice.

<p>1.11 Arun has also been at the forefront of protecting some of the most vulnerable members of our community who succumb to serious and organised crime. Working with the Police, it has been possible to identify individuals who have been targeted in their own homes which are then used for the purpose of storing and dealing drugs. This is a growing problem with obvious risks to Arun's tenants and wider communities and it has become a high priority for the SAP.</p> <p>1.12 In the same category, exploitation in its wider context has been increasing and includes child sexual exploitation and modern slavery. Arun therefore works in partnership with the Police and Social Care to keep vulnerable individuals and communities safe from potential exploitation.</p>		
<p>2. PROPOSAL(S):</p> <p>The PCC is asked to respond to the concerns expressed by District Councils and the three Town Councils.</p>		
<p>3. OPTIONS:</p> <p>None</p>		
<p>4. CONSULTATION:</p> <p>As outlined below</p>		
Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council – the District's Three Town Council have been invited to attend this meeting	YES	
Relevant District Ward Councillors – all Councillors have been invited to attend this meeting and submit questions	YES	
Other groups/persons (please specify)		
5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)	YES	NO
Financial		NO
Legal		NO
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment		NO
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		NO
Sustainability		NO
Asset Management/Property/Land		NO
Technology		NO
Other (please explain)		NO

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

The Minutes from Full Council – 8 November 2017 - <https://www.arun.gov.uk/full-council>