Name of Meeting:	Sussex Police & Crime Panel
Date of Meeting:	29 th June 2018
Report by:	Councillor Mike Clayden
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing

I attend this meeting as Chairman of our Community Safety Partnership.

The panel scrutinises the Police Commissioner who intern scrutinises the Chief Constable. The Chief Constable makes all the operational decisions for the force. I attach the Sussex Police & Crime Panels terms of reference for information.

The Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report 2017-18 was discussed and I would recommend reading it.

https://democracy.eastsussex.gov.uk/documents/s14752/Police%20and%20Crime%20Commissioners%20Annual%20Report.pdf

Interesting sections on Restorative Justice, Domestic Abuse and Victims Services.

101 Was mentioned and this is a national problem but I can report that the average wait now is 10 minutes for Sussex Police. I would still recommend on line reporting if possible.

The financial report reported a small underspend on the year.

Further details can be found on the panel's web site.

Terms of Reference of The Sussex Police and Crime Panel

The Panel will hold the elected Police and Crime Commissioner to account and will seek to work in a constructive manner with the post holder with a view to supporting the effective exercise of his/her functions within Sussex.

- 1. To review and make reports or recommendations on the draft police and crime plan, or draft variation, given to the Panel by the Police and Crime Commissioner which the Commissioner must take into account, and to publish the reports or recommendations.
- 2. To review, put questions to the Police and Crime Commissioner at a public meeting, and make reports or recommendations (as necessary) on the Commissioner's annual report, and to publish the reports or recommendations.
- 3. To hold a public confirmation hearing and review, make reports and recommendations (as necessary) in respect of proposed senior appointments (Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner) made by the Police and Crime Commissioner and to publish the reports or recommendations.

- 4. To hold a public confirmation meeting to review and make reports on the proposed appointment of the Chief Constable including, if necessary, the use of the power of veto by a two thirds majority of the current membership of the Panel and to publish the reports.
- 5. Upon receiving written notification from the Commissioner of his/her intention to call upon the Chief Constable to retire or resign to make recommendations to the Commissioner as to whether or not such resignation or retirement should be called for.
- 6. To consult the Chief Inspector of Constabulary (where necessary) and hold a private meeting which the Chief Constable and Commissioner may attend to make representations about the requirement to resign or retire and to publish the recommendations made to the Commissioner.
- 7. To review and make reports and recommendations (as necessary) on the proposed precept including, if necessary, the use of the power of veto by a two thirds majority of the current membership of the Panel and to publish the reports or recommendations.
- 8. To review or scrutinise decisions or proposals made, or other action taken, by the Police and Crime Commissioner in connection with the discharge of the Commissioner's functions, which may be in the form of reports or recommendations to the Commissioner which must be published.
- 9. To fulfil functions in relation to complaints about the Commissioner on conduct matters, in accordance with the responsibilities accorded to the panel by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
- 10. To appoint an Acting Police and Crime Commissioner if necessary, where the Commissioner is incapacitated, resigns or is disqualified or suspended.
- 11. To suspend the Police and Crime Commissioner if it appears to the Panel that the Commissioner has been charged in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or Isle of Man with an offence that carries a maximum term of imprisonment exceeding two years.
- 12. To delegate, to the extent that it wishes to do so and so far as permitted by law, areas of work to a sub-committee or working group.
- 13. To require the Commissioner and his or her staff to attend meetings to give evidence in accordance with statute when deemed necessary for the Panel to discharge its functions.

- 14. Following a requirement made by the Panel for the Commissioner to attend a meeting, it may request the attendance of the Chief Constable at that meeting to answer questions which the Panel feels are necessary for the discharge of its functions.
- 15. To require the Commissioner to respond in writing within a specific timescale to any report or recommendation made by the Panel to the Commissioner.
- 16. To undertake any other such functions as are conferred upon the Panel by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and any subsequent regulations made under the Act.