Agenda Annex

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Report to Residential & Wellbeing Services Committee – 22 July 2021

Name of Meeting:	Sussex Police & Crime Panel
Date of Meeting:	25 June 2021
Report by:	Councillor Jacky Pendleton
Committee:	Residential & Wellbeing Services Committee

The meeting is chaired by a West Sussex County Council Councillor with representatives of District & Borough Councils across both East & West Sussex. There are also 3 independent members from the community and Katy Bourne Police & Crime Commissioner attends with the Chief Executive of the PCC Mark Streeter, the Finance Director Ian Macullough & PCC Communications lead Mervin Dadd.

The aim of the panel is to challenge and scrutinise both the role of the PCC but also her office.

The PCC presented her annual report.

A new Police & Crime Plan for 2021 to 2024 has been produced and the first female Chief Constable – Jo Shiner – has been appointed. The command Team includes 4 female officers.

The prevalence of mental health issues in offenders is under review with an aim of identifying how to ensure fair and proportional responses to those who exhibit these traits

Discussion on reviewing governance on the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) are underway.

The Chief Inspector for Arun is John Carter who is responsible for producing any local policies which are needed including a policy of policing our beaches.

The next meeting on Friday 24th. September at 10.30 am will include presentations on POCA and the operation of and cost of the PCC's office.



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Name of Meeting:	Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (HASC)
Date of Meeting:	23 June 2021
Report by:	Councillor Jacky Pendleton
Committee:	Residential & Wellbeing Services Committee

The Director responsible for Health, Keith Hinkley, introduced the session and described the aim of the department as providing support and care to vulnerable adults by maintaining and promoting independence in line with the Care Act. The aim is to ensure the safety of vulnerable adults from challenging situations and ensure a sustainable & prosperous economy for the care industry providing a mixture of private, public and charitable facilities.

The modus operandi of the department is to give advice, guidance & signposting whilst carrying out assessment and support planning for those vulnerable adults. They seek to maximise independence, quality of life and managing risk. Safeguarding, managing mental capacity and minimising deprivation of liberty are key issues. Operations are based on prevention and reablement with some services provided directly and some being commissioned.

The Budget for the department is around £372m, where £60m comes from contributions from individuals.

The people supported are vulnerable adults, older people, carers and young people moving into the adult world. The services provided include reablement to regain independence, short breaks for carers, supported accommodation and shared lives, extra care housing, daily living equipment, proper adaptations and assistive technology. Services also include direct payments and personal assistants, employment &community participation, day services, home care as well as residential care.

The department takes a partnership approach with customers and carers, whilst working in liaison with NHS, Ds & Bs, independent sector providers, voluntary & community sectors, other West Sussex residents with a view to integration and alignment. The challenges that the department face include the demography of the county with the over 85s population growing, availability of resources, changing need (increase of autism and physical disabilities), changing expectations, diversity of views, social care reforms and funding and broader determinants of health inequalities.

The way forward for the department relies on effective planning against WSCC priorities, statutory duties, evidence, partnerships/co-production and outcome based analysis of use of resources. Quality and practice is not as yet regulated but a white paper is expected next year when it is likely that a system of Ofsted type reviews will become normal practice.

NB. Although I attended the training, I was unable to attend the HASC meeting which followed.

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