

Action List: Sussex Police and Crime Panel – 26 January 2024

Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Status
<p>Item 8.</p> <p>Proposed Precept 2024/25</p>	<p>1) Cllr Baynham asked whether the Commissioner will support Horsham District Council’s council tax support scheme in 2024/25?</p> <p>Action for Mr. McCulloch to check whether a request has been received.</p>	<p>OSPCC</p>	<p>Iain McCulloch spoke with the Chief Finance Officer for Horsham District Council following the Sussex Police & Crime Panel meeting on 26 January 2024.</p> <p>On closer review, Cllr Baynham had misunderstood the section of the Medium-Term Financial Statement (MTFS) which provided an explanation about the council tax reduction schemes and how they result in a reduction in the taxbase [an effective funding of the council tax reduction schemes] and incorrectly thought that the PCC would make a further contribution.</p> <p>The Chief Finance Officer [for Horsham District Council] has since fed back to Cllr Baynham following this exchange of facts to provide him with the correct information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED.</p>
<p>Item 8.</p> <p>Proposed Precept 2024/25</p>	<p>1) Cllr Walsh proposed that the Chair writes on behalf of the Panel to the Secretary of State to campaign for fairer funding for Sussex Police, in support of the Commissioner.</p> <p>Action for PCP officers to progress.</p>	<p>PCP</p>	<p>The Panel Chair sent a letter to the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire via email on 21 March 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED.</p>

<p>Item 10.</p> <p>The Role of the Commissioner in Ensuring Sussex Police use Stop and Search Powers Effectively and Appropriately</p>	<p>2) Cllr Bennett stated that, in order for the Panel to assess the disproportionality of stop and searches, if a detailed breakdown of the data analysis provided could be made available in terms of categorising stop and searches by age and ethnicity.</p> <p>Action for OSPCC officers to signpost/provide a detailed breakdown of stop and searches carried out in 2023/24, and to confirm that the Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel considered this data.</p>	<p>OSPCC</p>	<p>As highlighted within the report presented to the Sussex Police & Crime Panel at the meeting on 26 January 2024, Sussex Police has an external Stop and Search Independent Scrutiny Panel which aims to improve the trust and confidence of communities by providing members of the public with the opportunity to quality assure the use of these powers in Sussex.</p> <p>The key functions of the Panel are to consider whether any disproportionality exists in terms of the individuals stopped and searched, assess the lawfulness of the grounds for the searches, outcomes of the stop and search encounters, any complaints received by the Force and training needs identified, with retrospective feedback provided to individual officers and supervisors as required. This will include looking at a breakdown of the searches undertaken in Sussex by gender, ethnicity and age and considering whether any disproportionality exists.</p> <p>The OSPCC will ensure that any future reports presented to the Panel around the use of stop and search powers in Sussex include a summary breakdown of the searches completed by gender, ethnicity and age.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED.</p>
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<p>Item 10.</p> <p>The Role of the Commissioner in Ensuring Sussex Police use Stop and Search Powers Effectively and Appropriately</p>	<p>4) Cllr Czolak requested that future reporting on this area presents a breakdown analysis of stop and searches carried out on under 18s and include an update in relation to arising action or changes to officer training.</p> <p>Action for OSPCC officers to acknowledge for incorporation in a future report.</p>	<p>OSPCC</p>	<p>The OSPCC will ensure that any future reports presented to the Sussex Police & Crime Panel around the Sussex Police use of stop and search powers include a summary breakdown of the searches completed by gender, ethnicity and age.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED.</p>

<p>Item 10.</p> <p>The Role of the Commissioner in Ensuring Sussex Police use Stop and Search Powers Effectively and Appropriately</p>	<p>5) Cllr Whorlow requested that future reporting on this area presents a breakdown analysis of stop and searches by gender.</p> <p>Action for OSPCC officers to acknowledge for incorporation in a future report.</p>	<p>OSPCC</p>	<p>The OSPCC will ensure that any future reports presented to the Sussex Police & Crime Panel around the Sussex Police use of stop and search powers include a summary breakdown of the searches completed by gender, ethnicity and age.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED.</p>
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