

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**County Council  
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**REPORT AUTHOR: Powys Members of the Police and Crime Panel**

**SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Matthew Dorrance**

**I am aware of an increase in crime, anti-social behaviour and drug related incidents in my community.**

**How are you as Powys members of the Police and Crime Panel holding the Commissioner and his police and crime plan to account to ensure that communities like mine are properly resourced and prioritised by Dyfed Powys Police?**

**Response**

As members of the Police and Crime Panel we scrutinise how the Police and Crime Commissioner holds the Chief Constable to account for ensuring that policing in local communities is properly resourced and prioritised in the following ways:

- Scrutinising the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan, which sets the priorities for the police force. The commissioner is currently consulting on his new plan following the elections in May and we understand it will be placed before the Panel for consideration at the end of July.
- Scrutinising the annual police precept, which contribute approximately 50% of the police budget. This includes scrutiny of the Commissioners annual accounts and mid-term financial plan.
- Attending meetings of the Policing Accountability Board every quarter to observe how the Commissioner holds the Chief Constable to account across the whole range of his functions, including policing in local communities.
- Questioning the Commissioner at Police and Crime Panel meetings. This includes not just questions on reports that appear on the agenda, but also on any issue that Panel members wish to raise, provided they fall within the remit of the Panel.
- Requiring the Commissioner to provide reports to the Panel on any issue within its remit.

The Panel specifically identified how the Commissioner held the Chief Constable to account as one of its priorities in 2018/2019 and was satisfied that the Commissioner carried out that function in an appropriate and robust way.

As you may be aware the Chief Constable Mark Collins retired in March 2021, to take up a post in the British Virgin Islands. A temporary Chief Constable has been

appointed pending the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May and the process of recruiting a permanent replacement is currently underway.

A report on anti-social behaviour considered by the Police and Crime Panel on 4 November 2020 and a response provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner on 19 February 2021 are attached for information and can be seen here:

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