

## **Sussex Police and Crime Panel – Public and Panel Questions to the Commissioner**

**24 June 2022**

### **Report by the Clerk to the Police and Crime Panel**

Below is a schedule of the questions received prior to this meeting and where possible responses have been included. Responses will be tabled at the meeting that were not available at the time of despatch. Written questions must be received two weeks before a meeting of the Panel and the Commissioner or Panel Chairman is invited to provide a response by noon of the day before the meeting.

Questions relating to operational matters of Sussex Police are passed to a relevant officer at Sussex Police for a response, with a brief summary of such questions provided below. For the current meeting, two questions have been received for responses from the Commissioner.

#### **1. Written question from Paul Taylor-Burr of Crawley**

##### **Question:**

How many new officers have been stationed in Crawley, as myself and my store colleagues don't see any evidence of the so-called police officer uplift?

I and my colleagues would like to know just what is going to be done to put faith back into policing. I realise the PCC is not responsible for how officers are deployed, but after several precept increases we would like to understand when we can expect to see some improvement.

My colleagues work in local co-ops and have lost faith in the point of reporting issues to police as they don't get any response. I myself, when in store, have had serious issues (in the past) and this is causing a very big problem with under-reporting of offences.

##### **Answer:**

XXX – to be provided by OSPCC.

#### **2. Written question from Mr Jacklin of Rother**

On 16 May, The Times lead editorial stated "Thoughts are not Crimes: The new HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary (Andy Cooke) rightly insists that the police

must focus on catching criminals and not waste resources on non-crime hate reports". The article cites the often-repeated statistic that charge rates for burglaries and thefts are only 5% and 4% respectively. In reality, they are no doubt even lower as some people do not report such crimes.

The PCC's Annual Report to March 2021 contains little or no data on theft and burglary offences and charges.

Will such data be included in the new report; if not, can it be provided?

Where do burglaries and thefts rank in the priorities of Sussex Police and has this changed in light of the above statement by the new Chief Inspector?

Does the PCC regard increasing charge rates for theft and burglary as being a strategic priority?

**Answer:**

XXX – to be provided by OSPCC.