

STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL – 21 June 2021

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC TO THE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Report of the Secretary

The Panel's Constitution provides for questions to the Commissioner from members of the public. Questioners can choose to either attend the meeting and ask the question themselves or have the question dealt with in written form and the reply forwarded to them.

The following questions has been received (questions are listed in order of receipt):

1. From Mr N Dodd

*'In the light of the extremely high numbers of complaints over the last 5 years, **is it acceptable for 1 in 6 officers to have behaved inappropriately?** (304 upheld complaints across less than 2,000 officers)*

The total received complaints were 3,249, or 2 every day, How much more goes unreported? It is widely appreciated that many people will not make an official complaint due to fear, vulnerability, and other reasons.

*To put these atrocious figures into perspective. If this force were a high school it would be closed down. Over the same period we have seen many court cases against local officers involving, sexual offences, voyeurism, drink-driving, and more. In such a position of responsibility police officers should behave better than school children shouldn't they? **What is an acceptable number of complaints against those tasked with protecting us from harm, and what are the panel doing about all this?'***

The Commissioner has been asked to provide a written reply to the question which is attached to the report. A copy of the reply will be forwarded to any questioner not in attendance at the meeting.

2. From Mr M Curry

"Can you please advise on how you are currently dealing with the high number of boy racers that are thrashing around the streets of Burntwood?"

The Commissioner has been asked to provide a written reply to the question which is attached to the report. A copy of the reply will be forwarded to any questioner not in attendance at the meeting.

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