

North Somerset Council

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Report on the Police and Crime Panel Meeting of 24 June 2021

Councillor Richard Westwood

The Police and Crime Panel for Avon and Somerset Constabulary met for their Annual meeting on Thursday, June 24, at Taunton Cricket Ground. This was the first face to face meeting held since the lockdown restrictions were introduced in March of last year.

Mark Shelford was welcomed as our new, and duly elected, Police and Crime Commissioner.

We also welcomed and confirmed Sarah Crew as acting Chief Constable for Avon and Somerset.

We noted the following changes in the panel's membership : Cllr Nicola Clark (South Somerset DC), Cllr Peter Crew (North Somerset Council), Cllr Jonathan Hucker and Cllr Lisa Stone (Bristol City Council). These arose as a result of the need to maintain political balance on the panel.

Two members of the public, Gary Davies and Julie Knight, were appointed as independent panel members.

All of the above were welcomed onto the panel.

The panel then appointed Cllr Heather Shearer as our Chair for the forthcoming year and Cllr Richard Westwood as Vice Chair.

After he had given the Annual Commissioner's report the new Commissioner set out his intention to turn the manifesto upon which he had been elected into a Plan for policing in Avon and Somerset. He then took questions from members of the panel.

Details of the Annual meeting agenda can be found via the link below. Minutes will be available in due course.

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