



**HAMPSHIRE &  
ISLE OF WIGHT  
POLICE & CRIME PANEL**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2022-23**

## Foreword from the Chairman



As the newly elected Chairman of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Panel, I am pleased to be able to introduce the Panel's Annual Report covering its activity during the 2022-23 municipal year.

Through the effective discharge of its responsibilities, the Panel has sought to provide support and challenge to our Police and Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones, in the delivery of her statutory responsibilities and the objectives of her Police and Crime Plan, and I believe we have undertaken some excellent scrutiny of the activities of the Commissioner and her office across the year.

In addition to our four regular meetings, an additional meeting was held in November where the Panel confirmed the appointment of the new Chief Constable of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary, Scott Chilton. This important statutory responsibility saw the Panel asking several questions of

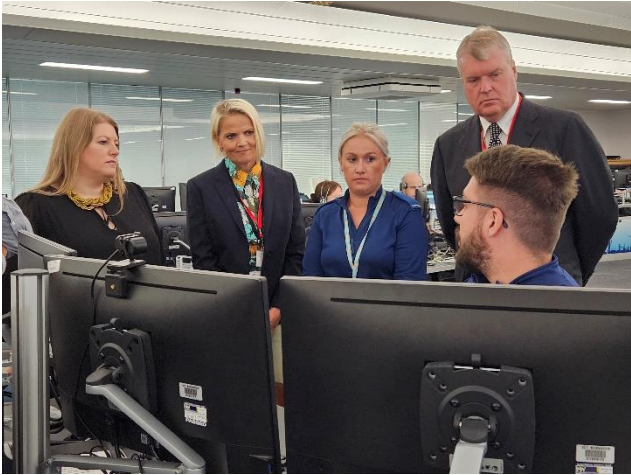
Mr Chilton, assessing his professional competence and personal independence. I'm pleased to report that, recognising his exceptional drive, ambition, resilience and leadership attributes, and gaining a clear understanding of the skills



and experience he would bring to the role, the Panel unanimously recommended Mr Chilton's appointment to the position. The Panel looks forward to receiving regular updates from the Commissioner on how, working alongside and holding to account our new Chief Constable, she will continue to secure effective and efficient policing for our communities.

Following the change to the name of the Constabulary, to include the Isle of Wight in its title, the Panel was pleased to adopt the same change to its title in November, recognising the Commissioner’s successful efforts to lobby for this change to the name of Constabulary, recognising the full breadth and reach of the policing area.

This year has also seen the Panel fulfilling its statutory responsibility to review the Commissioner’s proposed precept, which the Panel supported this year. The additional funding provided by precept contributions will not only support the ongoing delivery of policing across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight but will also provide an additional 50 police officers and enhance policing visibility. On a recent visit to the Contact Management Centre and Police training HQ, Members of the Panel were able to see first-hand the outcomes of the dedication and the significant efforts taken by officers and civilian staff at the Constabulary to recruit, train and equip the new police officers funded both through the national uplift programme and residents precept contributions, and we look forward to learning more about the impact these new officers will make on policing visibility in your communities.



Finally, I wish to thank all our Panel Members for their contributions and our supporting officers for their work in enabling the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police & Crime Panel to effectively deliver its roles and

responsibilities on behalf of our residents.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seán Woodward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Councillor Seán Woodward, Chairman, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police  
& Crime Panel

## **Introduction**

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) were introduced through the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, which significantly changed the arrangements for police accountability and governance in England and Wales. Through this legislation Police and Crime Panels (PCP) were established to provide scrutiny and support to PCCs.

This annual report covers the period 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2023, and the second year of the first term in office of Ms Donna Jones, who was elected to serve as PCC for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight from May 2021 - May 2024.

## **The Role of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

Nationally, PCCs exist to ensure that the policing needs of their communities are met as effectively as possible, to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account. They are to give the public—to which they are directly accountable—a voice at the highest level of policing. They are expected to do this by:

- securing efficient and effective police for their area;
- appointing the Chief Constable, holding them to account for running the force, and if necessary dismissing them;
- setting the police and crime objectives for their area through a Police and crime plan;
- setting the force budget and determining the precept;
- contributing to the national and international policing capabilities set out by the Home Secretary; and
- bringing together community safety and criminal justice partners, to make sure local priorities are joined up.

Legislation protects the operational independence of the police, making it clear that the Chief Constable retains operational command and control of police officers and staff.

Contact details for the PCC for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight can be found in Appendix 1.

### **The Police & Crime Plan**

The PCC sets out in a Police and Crime Plan the objectives for their term of office. This document is of great importance to the PCP as a point of reference in fulfilling its duty to scrutinise and review the actions and decisions of the PCC. Following review of the draft plan by the PCP at its meeting on 12 November 2021, Ms Jones launched her 'More Police Safer Streets' Crime Plan. Through this plan her key priorities were defined as:

1. 600 more Police Officers by 2023
2. Improve police visibility – bringing policing to your community
3. Tackle anti-social behaviour
4. Making it easier to report crime through 101
5. Prevent young people from committing crime
6. Zero tolerance approach on knife crime
7. Crack down on unauthorised encampments
8. Improved outcomes for victims
9. Targeting rural crime

The Police and Crime plan can be found online at:

<https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/commissioner/police-crime-plan>

### **The Role of the Police & Crime Panel (PCP)**

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight PCP is a joint scrutiny body who perform a number of functions in relation to the PCC and their role. These include:

- Reviewing the draft Police and Crime Plan
- Scrutinising the PCC's Annual Report
- Reviewing and scrutinising decisions and actions by the PCC
- Reviewing the PCC's proposed Council Tax precept levels
- Maintaining oversight of the PCC and Deputy PCC's (DPCC) Conduct, including consideration of any complaints against their conduct.

- Confirming senior level appointments, including that of the Chief Constable.
- Appointing an acting PCC, if required.

The PCP can require the PCC or their staff to be in attendance at PCP meetings. The PCP can also invite the Chief Constable, and other partners responsible for helping to assist in the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan, to attend meetings of the PCP (although they do not have a statutory duty to attend).

### **Members of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Panel**

The PCP is made up of representatives from each of the Local Authorities across the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police area, which includes the cities of Portsmouth and Southampton, the Isle of Wight as well as Hampshire County Council and the 11 Borough and District authorities within it. Each of the 15 councils has its own process for appointing its representative on the PCP.

The 15 local authorities in the Hampshire and the Isle of Wight policing area are:

- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
- East Hampshire Borough Council
- Eastleigh Borough Council
- Fareham Borough Council
- Gosport Borough Council
- Hampshire County Council
- Hart District Council
- Havant Borough Council
- Isle of Wight Council
- New Forest District Council
- Portsmouth City Council
- Rushmoor Borough Council
- Southampton City Council

- Test Valley Borough Council
- Winchester City Council

The 15 local authority appointed members are joined by three additional local authority co-opted members, who sit on the PCP in order to better meet the 'balanced appointment objective', and two independent co-opted members, who are appointed through a competitive recruitment process to add to the collective spread of experience and knowledge. The PCP therefore has 20 members; the maximum size allowed by law. All members – appointed and co-opted – have the same status and rights on the PCP.

Membership of the PCP for 2022/23 was as follows:

- Councillor Simon Minas-Bound - **Chairman** (*Conservative, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council*)
- Dave Stewart – **Vice Chairman** (*Independent Co-opted Member*)
- Councillor Stuart Bailey (*Liberal Democrat, Hart District Council*)
- Councillor Geoff Blunden (*Conservative, New Forest District Council*)
- Councillor Tonia Craig (*Liberal Democrat, Eastleigh Borough Council*)
- Councillor Jason Fazackarley (*Liberal Democrat, Portsmouth City Council*)
- Councillor Phillip Lashbrook (*Conservative, Test Valley Borough Council*)
- Councillor Karen Lucioni (*Independent, Isle of Wight Council*)
- Councillor Lesley Meenaghan (*Conservative, Hampshire County Council*)
- Councillor Martin Pepper (*Liberal Democrat, Gosport Borough Council*)
- Councillor Margot Power (*Liberal Democrat, Winchester City Council*)
- Councillor Gwen Robinson (*Conservative, Havant Borough Council*)
- Councillor Maurice Sheehan (*Conservative, Rushmoor Borough Council*)



- Councillor John Gledhill (*Conservative, Additional Local Authority Co-opted Member*)
- Councillor Tony Jones (*Labour, Additional Local Authority Co-opted Member*)
- Councillor Dave Shields (*Labour, Southampton City Council*)
- Councillor Sarah Vaughan (*Conservative, Additional Local Authority Co-opted Member*)
- Councillor Seán Woodward (*Conservative, Fareham Borough Council*)
- Shirley Young (*Independent Co-opted Member*)

The following Members also served on the PCP during 2022/23:

- Councillor Narinder Bains – until 20 January 2023 (*Conservative, Havant Borough Council*)
- Councillor Joanne Burton – until 12 May 2023 (*Conservative, Fareham Borough Council*)
- Councillor David McKinney– until 4 May 2023 (*Conservative, East Hampshire Borough Council*)
- Councillor Matthew Renyard – until 4 May 2023 (*Labour, Southampton City Council*)
- Councillor Ian Stephens – until 20 July 2022 (*Independent, Isle of Wight Council*)

Contact details for the PCP can be found at Appendix 1.

## Work Programme of the PCP

During 2022/23, the PCP undertook its statutory duties and requested to review items at its meetings that related to decisions and actions taken by the PCC. More details are outlined within the table below and full details of the reports can be viewed online, along with recordings of the meetings at:

July 2022 to November 2022:  
<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=185> :

December 2022 to July 2023:  
<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=807>

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Key Agenda Items</b>
8 July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PCP Appointments report and Co-option report</li><li>• Chairman and Vice Chairman elected</li><li>• Two public questions received and three deputations heard</li><li>• Announcements from the PCC</li><li>• Update heard on the PCC's office and staffing arrangements</li><li>• Police and Crime Plan delivery update heard</li><li>• Estates Strategy Update provided by the PCC</li><li>• PCP Annual report agreed</li><li>• PCP Annual Complaints report received</li><li>• PCP Financial monitoring and budget agreed</li><li>• Arrangements for and Membership of the PCPs Working Group and Sub-Committee agreed</li><li>• PCP future meetings and work programme considered</li></ul>
2 October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local authority co-opted appointments for the PCP agreed</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputation heard</li> <li>• Update from the PCP working group heard</li> <li>• Announcements from the PCC</li> <li>• Draft Police and Crime Plan reviewed, and recommendations made to the PCC</li> <li>• Police and Crime Plan delivery update heard</li> <li>• Arrangements for and Membership of the PCPs Working Groups agreed</li> <li>• PCP future meetings and work programme considered</li> </ul>
27 November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation Hearing for the appointment to the role of Chief Constable of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary.</li> <li>• Governance update – agreement that the Panel would be known as the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Panel (previously the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel)</li> </ul>
27 January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny of the PCC’s proposed precept, and recommendations made to the PCC</li> <li>• A public question received and a deputation heard</li> <li>• Announcements from the PCC</li> <li>• Police and Crime Plan delivery update heard</li> <li>• Update from the PCP working groups heard</li> <li>• PCP Governance update agreed</li> <li>• PCP future meetings and work programme considered.</li> </ul>
12 May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcements from the PCC</li> <li>• Police and Crime Plan delivery update heard</li> <li>• PCP Governance update agreed</li> <li>• PCP future meetings and work programme considered.</li> </ul>

**Complaints Sub-Committee**

The Complaints Sub-Committee is responsible for handling complaints made against the PCC (and Deputy PCC if one is appointed) and for informally resolving any non-criminal complaints and conduct matters, including those which may be referred to the PCP by the IOPC. Meetings of the Complaints Sub-Committee are held in public, with an annual report outlining complaints activity for the previous 12 months presented to the PCP at each Annual General Meeting (AGM).

During 2022/23 the Complaints Sub-Committee met once:

Meeting Date	Purpose
19 May 2023	To review three complaints made against the Police and Crime Commissioner in line with the informal resolution process.  To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer to the Panel, outlining any use of their delegated powers when taking a decision either not to record or to dissaply the informal resolution procedure in respect of a complaint, or part thereof, since the Sub-Committee last met.

Papers for these meetings can be viewed online at <https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=808&MId=11159&Ver=4>

Membership of the Sub-Committee for 2022/23 was follows:

- Dave Stewart (Chairman)
- Councillor Stewart Bailey
- Councillor Tony Jones
- Councillor Lesley Meenaghan

- Councillor Seán Woodward

The following Members also served on the Complaints Sub-Committee during 2022/23:

- Councillor Joanne Burton – until 12 May 2023

**Working Groups**

The PCP appoints working groups to undertake activities separate to the formal meetings of the PCP, in order to support the business, set out within its work programme. The working groups of the PCP undertake much of the detailed work that would otherwise take up significant time in a formal public meeting. Outcomes of these meetings are reported to the PCP prior to any review of the relevant item on the agenda.

**Policy and Performance Working Group**

In July 2022 the PCP introduced a new Policy and Performance Working Group, which amalgamated the previous Plan, Equality and Diversity and Finance Working Groups. The Policy and Performance Working Group meets quarterly to review progress against the implementation of the Police and Crime Plan.

The Policy and Performance working group met on four occasions in 2022/23:

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
21 September 2022	Within each of the meetings, Members of the working group received update on and scrutinised delivery against the Police and Crime Plan, ahead of each PCP meeting. Meetings were attended by the PCC and/or officers of the OPCC who provided verbal and/or written updates to Members.
14 December 2022	
8 March 2023	
21 June 2023	

Membership of the Police and Crime Policy and Performance Working Group for 2022/23 was as follows:

- Councillor Geoffrey Blunden
- Councillor Simon Minas-Bound
- Councillor Karen Lucioni
- Councillor Margot Power

The following Members also served on the Policy and Performance Working Group during 2022/23:

- Councillor Narinder Bains – until 20 January 2023
- Councillor Matthew Renyard (Chairman) – until 4 May 2023
- Councillor David McKinney – until 4 May 2023

### **Precept Task and Finish Group 2023/24**

At its meeting in October 2023 the PCP agreed to appoint a Precept Task and Finish Group 2023/24 in order to scrutinise the PCCs proposed budget and related financial papers, prior to the PCP’s review of the proposed precept in January 2023. The Precept Task and Finish group met on three occasions, with meetings attended by the PCC’s Chief Finance Officer.

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
16 December 2022	At each meeting the task and finish group received an update on preparation for setting the proposed budget and precept, including an overview of any risks and mitigations identified. Meetings were attended by the PCC’s Chief Finance Officer who provided verbal and/or written information which enabled Members to review and challenge the draft proposals.
12 January 2023	
23 January 2023	

Membership of the Precept Task and Finish Group 2023/24 was as follows:

- Councillor Sarah Vaughan (Chairman)
- Councillor Karen Lucioni
- Councillor Martin Pepper
- Shirley Young

## 2023/24 Outline Work Programme

<b><u>Meeting Date</u></b>	<b><u>Key Agenda Items</u></b>
21 July 2023 10.00am Winchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCP Appointments and Co-option Report</li> <li>• Election of Chair and Vice Chair</li> <li>• Public questions and deputations</li> <li>• PCC Effective and Efficient Policing update</li> <li>• PCC Police and Crime Plan Performance and Delivery update (Tackle unauthorised encampments and targeting rural crime)</li> <li>• PCP Annual Report</li> <li>• PCP Annual Complaints report</li> <li>• PCP Finance Monitoring and budget</li> <li>• PCP Sub-Committee and Working Group arrangements.</li> <li>• PCP future meetings and work programme</li> </ul>
20 October 2023 10.00am Winchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public questions and deputations</li> <li>• PCC Annual Report</li> <li>• PCC Effective and Efficient Policing update</li> <li>• PCC Police and Crime Plan Performance and Delivery update (Improving police visibility and easier 101 reporting)</li> <li>• PCP future meetings and work programme</li> </ul>
26 January 2024 10.00am Winchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public questions and deputations</li> <li>• PCC precept 2024/25</li> <li>• PCC Effective and Efficient Policing update</li> <li>• PCC Police and Crime Plan Performance and Delivery update (Zero tolerance on knife crime)</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PCP future meetings and work programme</li></ul>
15 March 2024 10am Winchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public questions and deputations</li><li>• PCC Effective and Efficient Policing update</li><li>• PCC Police and Crime Plan Performance and Delivery update (Crimes that hurt you most)</li><li>• PCP future meetings and work programme</li></ul>

## Contact Details

Hampshire County Council is the Host Authority for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Panel (PCP) on behalf of the 15 local authorities across the Policing area. The PCP can be contacted via:

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<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/governmentinhampshire/polic-e-crime-panel>

Papers for all meetings held in public are published online. Meetings are broadcast live, and members of the press and public are also welcome to observe meetings in person.

Dates and details for future meetings of the Panel can be found online at <https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=807>

Members of the public are encouraged to ask questions of the PCP and can also make a request to speak (make a deputation) at any meeting of the full Panel:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/governmentinhampshire/polic-e-crime-panel/get-involved>

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