

Annual Report for

SLDC Representation on the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner's Panel

The Cumbria Police and Crime Panel (PCP) has been established to scrutinise and support the work of the Commissioner and is one of the key checks and balances in relation to monitoring their performance. (The PCP is not there to scrutinise the Chief Constable). The Commissioner will be required to consult with the PCP on his or her plans and budget for policing, as well as the council tax precept and certain key appointments.

Cumbria County Council is the host local authority for the PCP and will provide administrative and other support to the panel and its members.

The panel has a range of powers and responsibilities including:

- To review the draft police and crime plan
- To publicly scrutinise the Commissioner's annual report
- To review and scrutinise decisions and actions by the Commissioner
- To review the Commissioner's proposed precept levels
- To review the Commissioner's Conduct
- To review and confirm the Commissioner's proposed appointments of Chief Constable, Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer, and Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner

More information can be found at <http://cumbriapcp.org.uk>

I have represented South Lakeland District Council on the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner's Panel since May 2017. The panel has a quarterly schedule of meetings. The meetings are usually held at various venues around Cumbria and are open to the public and press. During the year from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022, some meetings have been held virtually via Microsoft Teams, however face to face meetings were resumed in July 2021. Members of the public have been able to join the virtual meetings if they wished to speak, and all meetings have been live streamed across the Internet so that members of the public and press can see and hear proceedings. I have attended one such meeting in the past year and two face to face meetings.

South Lakeland District Council does not make any financial contribution to the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner's Panel. All my travel and subsistence expenses are covered by Cumbria County Council.

Councillor Pete McSweeney – 31/3/2022

Ward member for Arnside & Milnthorpe