

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2017 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor P C Harris (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs A E D Barham
Councillor Ms L M Cross
Councillor P M Harman
Councillor D J Mote
Councillor B R Parry
Councillor A S Reach

ALSO PRESENT:

Martin Harding - ATC/RFO
Billy Unsworth - KCC Community Warden
Sergeant Dave Crompton - Kent Police
Kim Anderson - PCSO
Tony Henley - Dartford Borough Council
1 x Member of the Public

ABSENT:

Councillor Mrs M B Kelly

343/17-18. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2017-18 YEAR.

That Councillor P C Harris be elected Chairman of this Committee for the remainder of the 2017-18 year.

344/17-18. TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2017-18 YEAR.

That Councillor Mrs L Manchester be elected Chairman of this Committee for the remainder of the 2017-18 year.

345/17-18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' Mrs S P Butterfill, Ms L C Howes, Mrs L Manchester and B E Read.

346/17-18. SUBSTITUTES.

There were none.

347/17-18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

The Chairman gave the opportunity for the meeting to be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.

Mr A Creba from Arriva buses gave a brief summary of the issues being faced with malicious damage to vehicles whilst on routes.

Members and strategic partners briefly discussed this issue and it was agreed that a further meeting, between Kent Police and Arriva, was to be arranged.

348/17-18. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

349/17-18. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2017.

Recommended: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 October 2017 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

350/17-18. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.

Sergeant Crompton gave a brief summary of current and future operations in the area. Sergeant Crompton confirmed that a rise in theft from motor vehicles had occurred involving a group searching for open vehicle doors for access.

Crimes involving motorbikes continued but a drop had occurred in the number of snatch related burglaries, a rise had occurred for thefts of bicycles and motorbikes.

An arrest had been made in both the recent postal theft incident and the burglary from Craylands School.

Recommended: That the report be noted and Sergeant Crompton and PCSO Anderson be thanked for their attendance

351/17-18. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CRIME STATISTICS FOR SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE.

Members were provided with the up to date detailed analysis of crime figures for Swanscombe and Greenhithe. Members highlighted worrying numbers in relation to violent crime for both areas.

Sergeant Crompton confirmed that, although the number of violent crimes was accurate it did not truly reflect the nature of crime within the area as the Police were asked to attribute lesser offences to this particular category which the public would not normally associate as a violent offence.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

352/17-18. KCC COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.

KCC Warden Unsworth gave an update on cases he had been involved with in the area, including several cases of abandoned vehicles, neighbour disputes, phone scams, concerns for children and vulnerable adults and stranger danger talks.

Recommended: That the report be noted and KCC Warden Unsworth be thanked for his attendance.

353/17-18. KENT POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL POLICING SURVEY.

Members considered the survey, and agreed that the ATC/RFO be delegated, to submit a response from the Town Council, in consultation with the Chairman.

Recommended: That the ATC/RFO be delegated, to submit a response from the Town Council, in consultation with the Chairman.

354/17-18. SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL – COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2017 – 2020.

Members briefly discussed the merits of the draft document provided but, after discussion, it was felt that it would be far more appropriate to scale down the information to focus on more attainable targets.

The Chairman requested that any comments or suggestion be fed directly to himself pending a second draft.

Recommended: That, pending members input, the Chairman collates a second draft for consideration at a later date.

355/17-18. CURRENT UNRESOLVED ISSUES.

Kent County Council (KCC) Member Mr Peter Harman explained that the concerns raised regarding the large pile of wood located at Pilgrims Road had now been passed to the Environment Agency who were pursuing the matter via the landowner.

KCC Member Harman explained that the issues within Castle Hill relating anti-social behaviour by groups of youths were being monitored by all parties and that residents were being actively encouraged to report incidents by calling the Police on 101.

The Chairman requested an update on the dangerous driving occurring around St Clements Way and Crossways Boulevard in Greenhithe. Tony Henley from Dartford CSU confirmed that they were awaiting further intelligence before action could be taken.

The Chairman invited all Members to consider joining Speedwatch.

Recommended: That the update on the current unresolved issues be noted.

356/17-18. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

It was proposed by Councillor P M Harman and seconded by Councillor D J Mote.

RESOLVED:

That, pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following item(s).

No members of the press or public were present during discussion of the following item of business.

357/17-18. CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS.

A brief discussion was held regarding housing concerns.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date

AGENDA ITEM II

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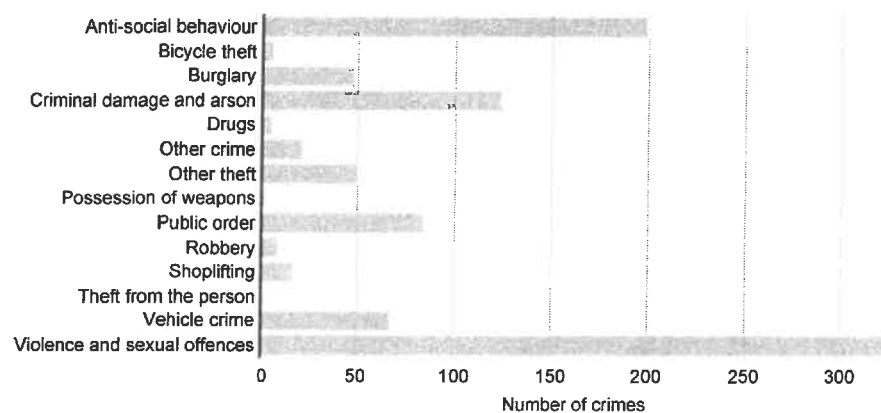
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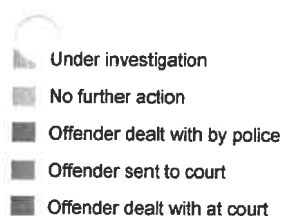
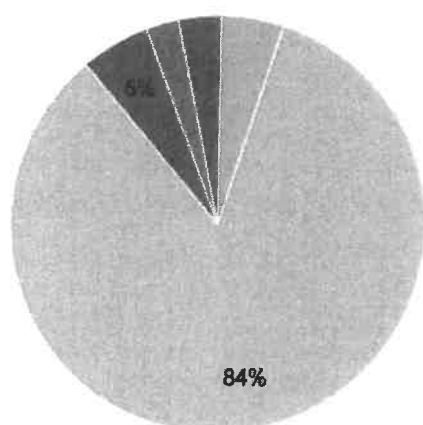
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Comparison of crime types in this area between December 2016 and November 2017



| Crime type | Total | Percentage |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Anti-social behaviour | 199 | 20.88% |
| Bicycle theft | 5 | 0.52% |
| Burglary | 48 | 5.04% |
| Criminal damage and arson | 124 | 13.01% |
| Drugs | 4 | 0.42% |
| Other crime | 21 | 2.20% |
| Other theft | 50 | 5.25% |
| Possession of weapons | 1 | 0.10% |
| Public order | 84 | 8.81% |
| Robbery | 8 | 0.84% |
| Shoplifting | 16 | 1.68% |
| Theft from the person | 1 | 0.10% |
| Vehicle crime | 67 | 7.03% |
| Violence and sexual offences | 325 | 34.10% |

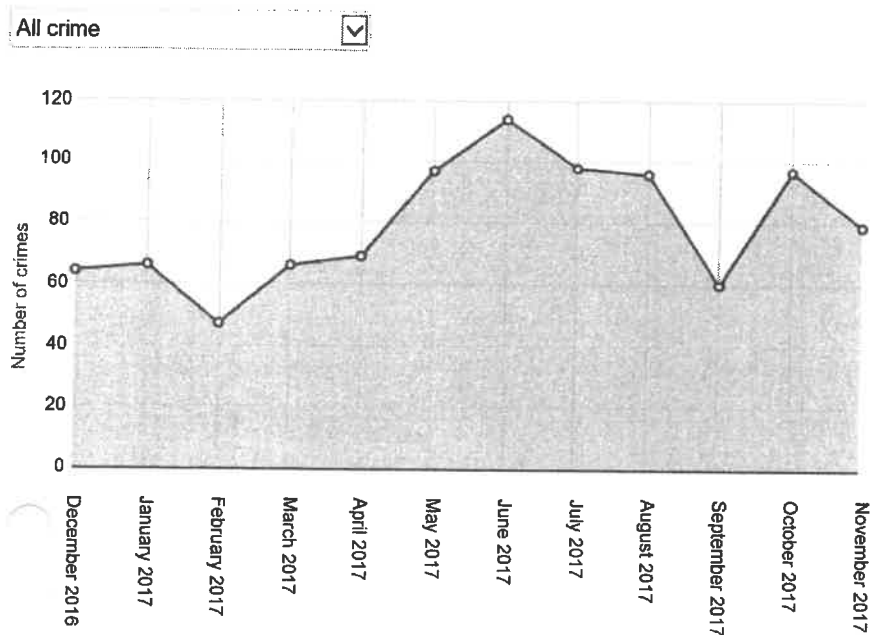
Comparison of outcomes in this area between December 2016 and November 2017



| Outcome type | Total | Percentage |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Under investigation | 37 | 4.91% |
| Under investigation | 22 | 2.92% |
| Status update unavailable | 15 | 1.99% |
| No further action | 632 | 83.82% |
| Formal action is not in the public interest | 0 | 0.00% |
| Further investigation is not in the public interest | 0 | 0.00% |
| Investigation complete; no suspect identified | 274 | 36.34% |
| Unable to prosecute suspect | 358 | 47.48% |
| Offender dealt with by police | 41 | 5.44% |
| Action to be taken by another organisation | 32 | 4.24% |
| Offender given a drugs possession warning | 1 | 0.13% |
| Offender given penalty notice | 0 | 0.00% |
| Offender given a caution | 6 | 0.80% |
| Local resolution | 2 | 0.27% |
| Offender sent to court | 19 | 2.52% |
| Suspect charged | 18 | 2.39% |
| Suspect charged as part of another case | 1 | 0.13% |
| Offender dealt with at court | 25 | 3.32% |
| Court case unable to proceed | 3 | 0.40% |
| Defendant sent to Crown Court | 0 | 0.00% |

| Outcome type | Total | Percentage |
|--|-------|------------|
| Defendant found not guilty | 0 | 0.00% |
| Offender given absolute discharge | 0 | 0.00% |
| Offender given conditional discharge | 5 | 0.66% |
| Offender ordered to pay compensation | 0 | 0.00% |
| Offender fined | 3 | 0.40% |
| Offender deprived of property | 0 | 0.00% |
| Offender given community sentence | 7 | 0.93% |
| Offender given suspended prison sentence | 1 | 0.13% |
| Offender sent to prison | 2 | 0.27% |
| Offender otherwise dealt with | 0 | 0.00% |
| Court result unavailable | 4 | 0.53% |

Crime levels in this area between December 2016 and November 2017



| Month | Total |
|----------------|-------|
| November 2017 | 79 |
| October 2017 | 97 |
| September 2017 | 60 |
| August 2017 | 96 |
| July 2017 | 98 |
| June 2017 | 114 |
| May 2017 | 97 |
| April 2017 | 69 |
| March 2017 | 66 |
| February 2017 | 47 |
| January 2017 | 66 |
| December 2016 | 64 |

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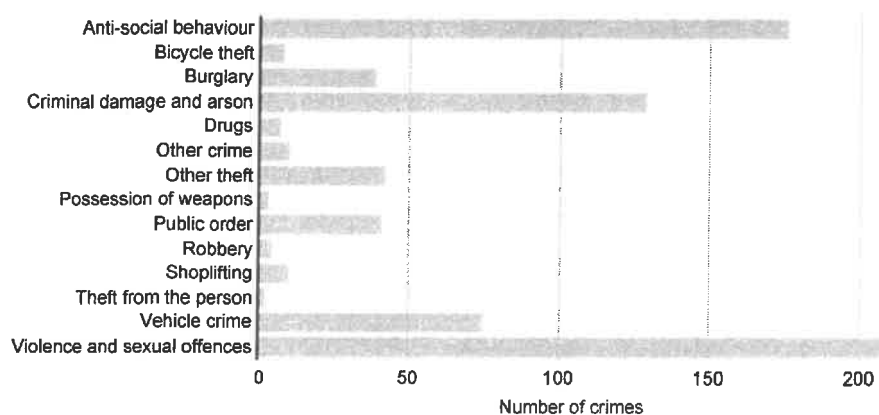
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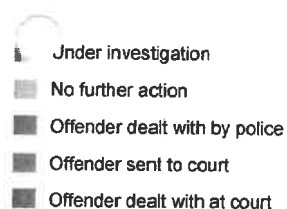
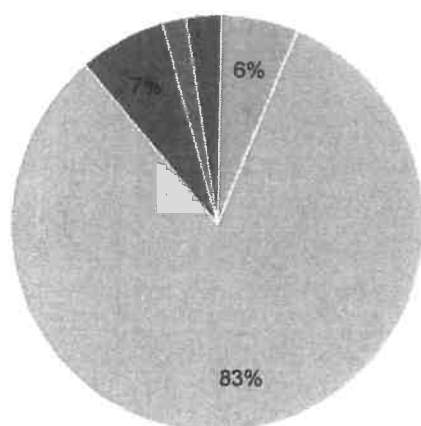
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Comparison of crime types in this area between December 2016 and November 2017



| Crime type | Total | Percentage |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Anti-social behaviour | 176 | 23.31% |
| Bicycle theft | 8 | 1.06% |
| Burglary | 39 | 5.17% |
| Criminal damage and arson | 129 | 17.09% |
| Drugs | 7 | 0.93% |
| Other crime | 10 | 1.32% |
| Other theft | 42 | 5.56% |
| Possession of weapons | 3 | 0.40% |
| Public order | 41 | 5.43% |
| Robbery | 4 | 0.53% |
| Shoplifting | 10 | 1.32% |
| Theft from the person | 2 | 0.26% |
| Vehicle crime | 75 | 9.93% |
| Violence and sexual offences | 209 | 27.68% |

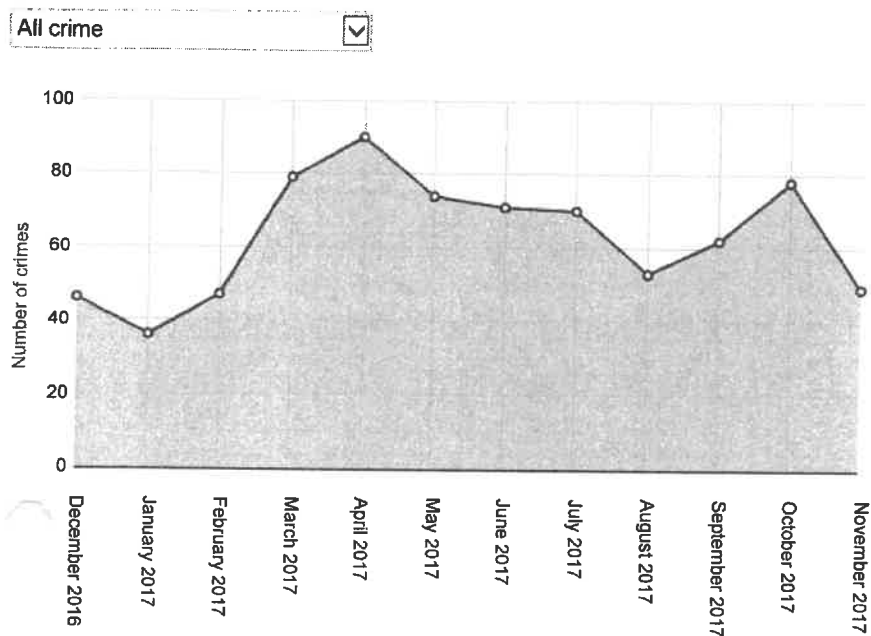
Comparison of outcomes in this area between December 2016 and November 2017



| Outcome type | Total | Percentage |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Under investigation | 35 | 6.04% |
| Under investigation | 22 | 3.80% |
| Status update unavailable | 13 | 2.25% |
| No further action | 478 | 82.56% |
| Formal action is not in the public interest | 0 | 0.00% |
| Further investigation is not in the public interest | 0 | 0.00% |
| Investigation complete; no suspect identified | 268 | 46.29% |
| Unable to prosecute suspect | 210 | 36.27% |
| Offender dealt with by police | 39 | 6.74% |
| Action to be taken by another organisation | 24 | 4.15% |
| Offender given a drugs possession warning | 2 | 0.35% |
| Offender given penalty notice | 0 | 0.00% |
| Offender given a caution | 9 | 1.55% |
| Local resolution | 4 | 0.69% |
| Offender sent to court | 11 | 1.90% |
| Suspect charged | 11 | 1.90% |
| Suspect charged as part of another case | 0 | 0.00% |
| Offender dealt with at court | 16 | 2.76% |
| Court case unable to proceed | 0 | 0.00% |
| Defendant sent to Crown Court | 0 | 0.00% |

| Outcome type | Total | Percentage |
|--|-------|------------|
| Defendant found not guilty | 2 | 0.35% |
| Offender given absolute discharge | 0 | 0.00% |
| Offender given conditional discharge | 1 | 0.17% |
| Offender ordered to pay compensation | 0 | 0.00% |
| Offender fined | 0 | 0.00% |
| Offender deprived of property | 0 | 0.00% |
| Offender given community sentence | 5 | 0.86% |
| Offender given suspended prison sentence | 0 | 0.00% |
| Offender sent to prison | 3 | 0.52% |
| Offender otherwise dealt with | 1 | 0.17% |
| Court result unavailable | 4 | 0.69% |

Crime levels in this area between December 2016 and November 2017



| Month | Total |
|----------------|-------|
| November 2017 | 49 |
| October 2017 | 78 |
| September 2017 | 62 |
| August 2017 | 53 |
| July 2017 | 70 |
| June 2017 | 71 |
| May 2017 | 74 |
| April 2017 | 90 |
| March 2017 | 79 |
| February 2017 | 47 |
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SAFER IN KENT

Matthew Scott

Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner



Newsletter
January 2018

PCC outlines his plans to increase Kent Police officers and staff

Over the past year, when I have been travelling around the County, I have spoken to Kent residents to seek their views on Policing in Kent and Medway. There is no doubt that Policing remains under pressure due to a multitude of factors. Despite this, Kent Police has been among the top-rated Forces in the country for efficiency, effectiveness and legitimacy in 2016 and 2017. In order to support local Policing, the Home Office has allowed PCCs to increase the council tax precept by £1 a month for an average household, which could raise up to £270m nationally. Taking into consideration the views of residents, I am pleased to be pro-

posing the biggest Kent Police recruitment drive for a considerable time. I am empowering the Chief Constable to recruit up to 200 additional Police Officers in the next year. These will go into boosting a number of areas, and will take the total number in Kent to its highest level since 2012. There will also be a boost in the number of call handlers answer-

ing 999 and 101 calls, so that people can get help quicker. I hope that you will support this vital boost. Please email your thoughts to haveyoursay@pcc.kent.pnn.police.uk by 27th January. The proposed precept rise will then go to the Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel for its approval on 8th February.

#SaferInKent: Boosting the Frontline

- Up to 200 more Police Officers
- Local Policing bolstered
- Rural and roads Policing expanded
- Investment in 101
- Greater public protection
- £1 more per month**

Matthew Scott
Kent Police and Crime Commissioner

What the Council Tax precept increase will mean for Kent Police

- Independent charity Victim Support has launched a new online 'live chat' service for victims of crime in Kent who may find it difficult to access support over the phone or in person. This new service, which runs in addition to the services currently offered by the charity, is funded by Matthew Scott. The text-based live chat service offers a safe online space for people to talk openly about their experience of crime, providing anonymity and a quick response.
- A new Restorative Justice service has been launched in Kent. Restorative Justice offers a safe and controlled way for victims and offenders to engage in conversation to repair the harm caused. The PCC Matthew Scott has commissioned Restorative Solutions to deliver this service in Kent. More than 50 people have been referred into Restorative Solutions since the service began on 1 October including victims of burglary, assault and adolescent-to-parent violence.
- Matthew Scott recently became the National Lead among PCCs for mental health, in addition to being the Lead for Police Performance. He wrote on **World Mental Health Day** about the work that PCCs are doing in order to help reduce demand on policing as a result of cases involving mental health.
- Thank you to everyone who completed the PCC's Annual Policing Survey, which has now closed. Mr Scott received more than 1,600 responses and your feedback will help him refresh his Police and Crime Plan, Safer in Kent, this spring.

MALE DOMESTIC ABUSE IN KENT CONFERENCE

A conference was held to mark International Men's Day which shone a light on the issues affecting male victims of domestic abuse. More than 100 representatives from policing, health services, local authorities, housing services

and victims' charities attended the event at Kent Police College on 17th November. The aim was to challenge some of the misconceptions around male victims of domestic abuse and to highlight the support that is in place,

both from policing and from those victims' services which the PCC commissions. The event was a huge success and is hopefully the springboard to further work to better

support male victims of this horrendous crime.



- Matthew Scott was pleased to attend the latest Passing Out Parade at Kent Police College on 22nd December (above). A further 40 Police Officers have completed their initial training and joined the force.

SAFER IN KENT

Matthew Scott

Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner



PCC congratulates Kent Police on being graded 'Outstanding' by HMICFRS for Legitimacy

Matthew Scott has congratulated Kent Police on being rated outstanding for its legitimacy for an unprecedented third year in a row. Each year, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) grades Police forces on their Efficiency, Effectiveness and Legitimacy (PEEL). On 12th December HMICFRS announced Kent Police to be outstanding at how legitimately it keeps people safe and reduces crime – as it did in both 2015 and 2016. The PCC Mr Scott said: 'This is fantastic news. Legitimacy, or policing by consent, is vital. The more that people trust our local

police force the more likely it is that victims will seek help, witnesses will come forward with evidence, and members of the community will get involved in volunteering and community safety initiatives which make us all safer.' HMICFRS' inspectors noted the extensive training Kent Police officers and staff receive on ethical decision-making, preventing unconscious bias, and that 'force leaders continue to demonstrate an extremely positive and ethical approach to policing'. They also noted the work the PCC's office does in helping Kent Police review complaints and by running a volunteers' Ride Along Scheme.



PCC to host national Mental Health Conference



A Mental Health Conference will be hosted by Matthew Scott

At the end of January 2018 the PCC will be hosting the first Mental Health East conference, which will be attended by national mental health leads, PCCs, Chief police officers, representatives from local authorities and health providers. Keynote speakers will be Jonny Benjamin MBE and Neil Laybourn. Furthermore there will be speeches by representatives from NHS England, HMICFRS, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, the NPCC national lead for Mental Health and will

finish with a Mental Health Act panel; this feedback will be fed into the national mental health review panel, which Matthew Scott is a part of. This event will be an opportunity for all partners to support and share best practice in order to increase efficiency around mental health and policing.



What is a Police and Crime Commissioner?

Matthew Scott was elected Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in May 2016.

His role is to set policing priorities for the county, by consulting with the public and putting together a Police and Crime Plan.

He then holds the Chief Constable of Kent Police to account for the delivery of that plan. He sets the council tax precept for policing, is responsible for the overall policing budget, and com-

missions services for victims of crime and funds community safety projects.

Mr Scott also serves as the national Association of Police and Crime Commissioners' portfolio holder for Performance, and also as the portfolio holder for Mental Health.

He lives in Swanley with his wife and young daughter, is a fan of cricket and football, enjoys real ale and is a keen musician who has played in cover bands across the South East.

Get in touch

To raise an issue with Mr Scott or to invite him to a meeting or event please visit the OPCC website: www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/contact-us

Please note that the PCC cannot interfere in operational policing or demand that the Chief Constable changes how he uses his policing resources. Equally, his office (the OPCC) cannot provide updates on how a crime is being investigated.