

REPORT TO DARLASTON AND BENTLEY AREA PANEL

Election of Representative to the Local Police and Crime Board

23 July 2014

At the Safer Walsall Partnership Board meeting, held on 14 January 2013, options for establishing a Local Police and Crime Board in the Borough of Walsall, were discussed and agreed. This was in response to the requirements of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Safer Walsall Partnership Board acknowledged the Police and Crime Commissioner's aspirations for ensuring our communities' priorities are reflected in how resources are targeted at community safety concerns. It was felt that this was a shared aspiration and something that the Safer Walsall Partnership Board endeavoured to secure in order to ensure the Borough's Community Safety Plan was "fit for purpose".

The agreed model was for the Local Police and Crime Board to be supported by appointed community representatives from each of the Borough's six Area Partnerships. These representatives can be Councillors or other recognised community champions for an Area and for each Area Partnership to nominate their representative.

The "term of office" for the community representatives is for two terms, of one year each, to ensure fresh challenge within the proposed arrangements.

Nominations for this Municipal Year will be for the second year of the term of office for an existing representative and year one of the term of office for a new representative.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 21 October 2014, at 6.00 p.m., venue to be confirmed.

There will be four meetings throughout the year and future meetings dates are being arranged.

Recommendation:

That the Darlaston and Bentley Area Panel nominate a community representative to represent the Area Partnership on the Local Police and Crime Board for the Municipal Year 2014 / 15