

High Street Safer Neighbourhoods Team Ward Panel - Constitution

Purpose

The **High Street Safer Neighbourhoods Team Ward Panel** is a semi formal group which meets at two-monthly intervals with the purpose of:

1. Improving the quality of life of those who live, work or visit the Ward.
2. Providing an opportunity for regular communication between Team officers and interested members of the community
3. Supporting the work of the Team by establishing community partnership.
4. Monitoring the activity and achievements of the Team
5. Determining those issues and concerns to which the Team is asked to give priority

The Panel will be concerned with the continuing work of the Team in general, rather than individual cases.

The Panel recognises that any priorities it identifies must coexist with priorities which arise through the Team's command structure and with the Team's need to respond to day-to-day operational demands.

Roles

A Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary will be drawn from the panel membership by consent of those attending the meetings.

Membership

Membership of the Panel will be open to any member of the neighbourhood community who is willing to attend regularly, as numbers allow.

The Panel will take all reasonable steps to include and welcome people from all of the various groups which make up our diverse community, and will actively seek the participation of individuals who are well-placed to represent any such groups.

All panel members are entitled to speak and to be heard. Where a formal vote is taken, Councillors and Police Staff will not take part.

If a panel member does not attend meetings nor contact the Chair for 6 months then their membership of the panel will lapse.

Press releases

The Panel may, if considered appropriate, issue public statements, such as letters to the Council, or the Press, provided they are approved by both the Panel Chair and the Team's senior officer.

Alterations to the Constitution

This Constitution may be altered at any meeting of the Panel provided proposals have been circulated in writing at least two weeks before the meeting to all current members of the panel.

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