

**Advisory Panel on Policing Protests**

**July – December 2018**

**Summary Report**

**Background**

The Advisory Panel on Policing Protests is an independent body established by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), following a review into the engagement of South Yorkshire Police with Rotherham communities in connection with the 5 September 2015 protests in the town.

The Panel offers support and challenge to the Police in the planning and learning stages of managing protests and marches taking place in South Yorkshire.

Members offer comment on proposals for handling protest events, and work with the Police in advance of any protest, as well as being in attendance to observe police activity and interactions with protestors on the day. They assist the Force to learn lessons, and, where appropriate, make recommendations for managing future protests. The Panel has no operational policing responsibilities, but it offers a channel for consultation with those affected by protests, and has an educational role.

**Panel Membership**

Members of the Panel have been drawn from the PCC’s existing Independent Ethics Panel and the Minority Communities Independent Advisory Group, to represent a cross-section of communities from across South Yorkshire.

Mr Andrew Lockley – Chair

Mrs Linda Christon

Mr Michael Lewis

Miss Sahir Ali

Mr Saghir Alam OBE

The Panel is supported by the OPCC Communications and Engagement Manager and Business Support Officer and is attended by the Assistant Chief Constable for Local Policing and other police officers, as appropriate.

**Activities during the period**

The Panel is convened when the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is advised by South Yorkshire Police Operational Support that a march or protest is being held in South Yorkshire and is likely to require policing presence.

Between July and December 2018 the Panel was convened once to receive a briefing on the potential protests against shale gas exploration and to review progress on implementation of its report on policing of the tree protests.

There were no marches or protests during this period that required the Panel to be convened.

**Future Reports**

Reports will be produced on a quarterly basis or six monthly basis, dependent upon how often the APPP has met and how many protests or marches have taken place.

Once approved, by the APPP, these reports will be published on the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner website ([www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk)) under the Advisory Panel for Policing Protest pages.

**Andrew Lockley**

**Chair**

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**Office of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner**

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