



## Police and Crime Panel

**Date:** Thursday, 24 July 2025  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** Royal Hampshire Committee Room, BCP Civic Centre, Bournemouth, BH2 6DY

**Members (Quorum: 3)**

Alasdair Keddie (Chair), Elizabeth Mytton, Ben Sargeaunt, Louise Bown, David Flagg, Simon Gibson, Louie O'Leary, Karen Rampton, Peter Sidaway, Tony Trent, Sarah Williams and Carl Woode

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- It must be a single question, and any sub-divided questions will not be permitted.
- Each question will consist of no more than 450 words, and you will be given up to three minutes to present your question.
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## Question from Joe Salmon

Since 19 June 2025 an unauthorised encampment of six caravans has remained on Redhill Park (Bournemouth) despite:

- a Section 77 notice served by BCP Council,
- multiple reports of criminal damage, faecal waste, and vehicle-related antisocial behaviour (Dorset Police ref 55250088667), and
- public expectation—based on previous encampments—that Section 61 powers would be used once that evidence was available.

How is the Police & Crime Commissioner holding the Chief Constable to account for delivering Priority 5 when an encampment remains in situ for several days after the statutory test for Section 61 appears to have been met?

In particular:

- 1) What performance measures (e.g. response times, use-of-powers statistics, victim-satisfaction data) does the PCC monitor to assure himself that Dorset Police are protecting communities from the impact of unauthorised encampments?
- 2) What assurance can residents expect that lessons from Redhill Park will translate into quicker, evidence-based decision-making at future encampments?

I appreciate those operational decisions rest with the Chief Constable; the question concerns the PCC's oversight and the wider delivery of Priority 5.

## Question from Susan Stockwell

White Ribbon, which campaigns against violence against women and girls, VAWG, have told me they expect accredited councils to be working towards a policy of nil cap, i.e. a presumption against licensing strip clubs. This demonstrates the connection between VAWG and the presence of strip clubs, which Dorset police should recognise as White Ribbon is a recognised authority on VAWG, so objecting to their licensing is a valid tool, plus BCP is a partner of Dorset Police in the Community Safety Partnership.

In the light of this and complaints to BCP council and BCP's licensing committee of harassment of women, including in the presence of a small child, by strip club customers, shouldn't Dorset Police be objecting to annual licensing applications to clubs in Weymouth and Bournemouth?

One operator, who runs clubs in Weymouth and Bournemouth, responded to an objection based on sexualisation of children's school uniform, uniform worn by female police officers and uniform worn by health professionals that such events are common throughout the industry. By contrast police in neighbouring Devon and Cornwall police objected to strip club licensing on the basis of large numbers of indecent assaults in Newquay despite no direct evidence of links to the clubs.