



SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

IN MEETING ROOM 14, TOWN HALL, CHURCH STREET, BARNSELY, S70 2TA

3 DECEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Councillor A Khayum (Sheffield City Council) (Chair)

Councillors: M Dyson (Barnsley MBC), R Frost (Barnsley MBC), D Nevett (Doncaster MBC), M O'Rourke (Sheffield CC), P Short (Rotherham MBC) and S Wilkinson (Doncaster MBC)

Independent Co-opted Members: Mr A Carter and Mr S Chu

Dr A Billings (South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner), M Buttery (Office of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner), M Clements (Office of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner) and S Mawson (Office of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner)

Officers: M McCarthy, L Noble and A Shirt (Barnsley MBC)

Guests in attendance: Chief Constable S Watson and Councillor J Steinke (Sheffield City Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Sansome (Rotherham MBC), Councillor B Johnson (Sheffield City Council), Councillor J Otten (Sheffield City Council) and D Cutting (Barnsley MBC)

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Khayum welcomed Councillor Peter Short, the new representative for Rotherham MBC to his first meeting of the Panel. The Panel recorded their thanks to the outgoing Member, Councillor Brian Cutts for his contribution to the work of the Panel.

An extended welcome went to Chief Constable Watson and to Councillor Jim Steinke.

3 **URGENT ITEMS**

None.

4 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

None.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN RELATION TO ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

None.

6 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:-

6A TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

There were no public questions to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

6B TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

There were no public questions to the Police and Crime Panel.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3RD SEPTEMBER 2018

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Police and Crime Panel held on 3 September 2018 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

8 COMMISSIONING REPORT - FEEDBACK FROM SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

Councillor Khayum welcomed his colleague Councillor Jim Steinke, Member of Sheffield City Council and Chair of the Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership to the meeting.

Councillor Khayum commented that the Panel was pleased to be making progress in establishing stronger links with District CSPs, and to hear from them what the hot topics are in their area, how they are working with the Commissioner's Office (OPCC) and how the Panel can help and support their work.

Councillor Steinke informed the Panel about the work being undertaken by the Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership. In summary, the Partnership had drafted its own Community Safety Plan which would be launched early in the New Year.

The Partnership's working relationship with the OPCC was very good. He commented that the opportunity to attend both PAB meetings and today's Police and Crime Panel meeting had been very advantageous.

Councillor Steinke felt that it would be beneficial for the Chair of the Police and Crime Panel to attend a future meeting of the Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership to provide an update on the work of the Panel. Additionally, he felt that it would be advantageous to be able to raise CSP issues at meetings of the PAB and the Police and Crime Panel.

RESOLVED – That Police and Crime Panel Members thanked Councillor Steinke for his update.

9 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE

Chief Constable Watson provided Members with a verbal update on Neighbourhood Policing.

Infographics were circulated to Members setting out information on the number of officers in neighbourhoods, the top-10 organisations with the most calls for police service for each district, pre September 2017, post September 2017 and the number of officers engaged in neighbourhoods and in the Force's OSU for 2019 onwards.

The following key points were noted:-

- There were now 33 Sergeants, 139 Constables and PCSOs all dedicated to Neighbourhood Policing in South Yorkshire.
- 650 officers, staff and partners had received training in problem solving to reduce elements of demand.
- Neighbourhood Policing Teams across all 4 districts were re-engaging with their communities and re-embedding public confidence and trust in the Force.
- The SYP Alerts were cited as an example of where the Force is engaging with people through social media, as well as through face-to-face meetings.
- In addition to the dedicated neighbourhood policing teams, the district based local Safer Neighbourhood Teams were now co-located with local authority partners to deal with missing people, mental health issues, housing issues and education issues.
- The Force is currently recruiting 40 new officers up to March 2020, with 18 new recruits joining the Force every month.
- 30 new officers would be diverted into neighbourhood policing duties from the 40 new recruits.
- Of this, 17 officers would be placed in the Doncaster district.
- Of the 10 remaining, 5 new officers would be placed to protecting vulnerable people, 3 to the Prisoner Investigation Team in Doncaster and procuring 2 extra dog handlers.

Members asked a range of questions in relation to the re-introduction of neighbourhood policing with detailed responses being provided by Chief Constable Watson.

In respect of Force performance, Chief Constable Watson anticipated that, at the next HMICFRS inspection of the Force in February 2019 it would be rated as 'good' in all areas. There was a realistic expectation that the momentum that the Force had built up in respect of neighbourhood policing would bring the Force to a place in the next 12 months where they may have their first 'outstanding' rating from HMICFRS.

Councillor Khayum thanked Chief Constable Watson for attending today's meeting and requested that a further update be given in 3-6 months' time.

RESOLVED – That Police and Crime Panel Members:-

- i) Thanked Chief Constable Watson for his update.
- ii) Requested that an update on Neighbourhood Policing be presented to the Panel in the next 3-6 months.

10 101 UPDATE

Chief Constable Watson provided Members with a verbal update on the 101 call handling system.

The following key points were noted:-

- Since 2010, whilst the number of resources handling calls had remained static, the call handling demand had increased exponentially.
- Throughout 2017 to the early part of 2018, the Force had received over 0.5m 101 calls.
- There had been 13,000 non-emergency calls and 660 emergency call every day.
- Over the last 12 months emergency (999) calls had gone up by 9%, which had to be prioritised over non-emergency calls.
- Whilst 101 calls had remained relatively static, call handling performance around 999 had been sustained, despite the very significant up rate of the amount of demand.
- In relation to call handling performance, HMICFRS had rated the Force as being 'good' in terms of the standard of the call assessed against threat, risk and harm.

Chief Constable Watson acknowledged that the 101 system had received a large amount of criticism from the public who were routinely waiting too long to have their calls answered on some occasions.

To address this issue, the Force had invested significantly in new contact management platforms to improve efficiency. Members noted that the Smartcontact telephone system had now gone live. The new system was more reliable and would help to reduce pressure on the 101 system. The next step was to introduce a call-back system, providing the opportunity for those callers wanting non-emergency help to leave their details so that officers and staff could call them back.

Chief Constable Watson highlighted that the Force needed to educate the public around when it was appropriate to dial 999, 101, and when it was appropriate to dial another service.

Councillor Wilkinson commented that many communities had stopped reporting crime and antisocial behaviour to the Force, because of the length of time they were waiting for their call to be answered, thus having no confidence in the police and crime recording statistics. She asked what the Force was going to do to increase public confidence in South Yorkshire Police.

Chief Constable Watson explained the actions that the Force had implemented to increase public trust and confidence in the Force through the reintroduction of the neighbourhood policing model. Furthermore, reporting and recording issues of harassment had increased by 72% in 2017. The Force do encourage people to report crime and antisocial behaviour, all of which would be responded to by the Force.

Chief Constable Watson stated that, if Members had any further questions with regards to the 101 system they could be emailed to him.

RESOLVED – That Police and Crime Panel Members thanked Chief Constable Watson for his update.

11 THE RENEWAL OF THE PCC'S POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2019/20

A report of the Commissioner was submitted to provide Members with information around the emerging policing and crime priorities that are likely to be reflected in the renewal of the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan.

A final draft of the Plan would be consulted on with key stakeholders (including the Police and Crime Panel) between now and February 2019, with performance measures being in place by 1 April 2019.

A Carter referred to paragraph 7 of the report (bullet no 2), he asked that, with regards to the introduction of new IT, could this be extended to include Artificial Intelligence.

The Commissioner replied that, if appropriate, he would submit a report to a future meeting.

In relation to forging stronger collaboration with partners, the Commissioner informed Members that he had considered an options paper for a change to the governance arrangements of the Fire and Rescue Service. Following independent appraisal, he did not favour bringing the two organisations together under a single chief officer. He would continue with the present arrangements where Police and the Fire and Rescue Service come together at a Collaboration Board, provided that the pace and depth of collaboration could be maintained.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel noted the contents of the report and commented on any matters arising.

12 MONITORING DELIVERY OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN - QUARTERLY REPORT (JULY - SEPTEMBER 2018)

A report of the Commissioner was submitted to present the Quarterly Report for the period July-September 2018, produced from the developing Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) Police and Partners Performance Framework.

The report also aimed to provide information about how the police and partners as well as the Office of the PCC (OPCC) are working to achieve the outcomes and priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for South Yorkshire. A copy of the

Quarterly Report was presented at Appendix A to the report for Members' information.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel noted the contents of the report and commented on any matters arising.

13 EARLY INTERVENTION YOUTH FUND

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was presented to provide Members with information on the Government's Early Intervention Youth Fund and the outcome of the PCC's funding bids.

Members noted that the Commissioner had submitted two bids to the Early Intervention Youth Fund. One was a sub-regional bid covering Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham and the second a Sheffield bid. Further details were presented in Appendix A to the report.

The Commissioner was pleased to report that, on 9 November 2018, both bids for funding had been successful, totalling £1.2m.

In response to a question from Councillor O'Rourke, M Clements confirmed that the OPCC would be undertaking monthly monitoring with regards to the utilisation of the funding to measure the successes and outcomes of the project / initiatives funded.

In relation to the Sheffield bid, Councillor Steinke anticipated that update briefings from the Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership would be circulated to a wider group of Sheffield Councillors and Officers.

Members requested that half-yearly update reports on the outcomes of the projects / initiatives funded be presented to the Panel.

M Buttery acknowledged the request; she added that the ideal forum to monitor the outcomes of the funding would be at the Countywide Community Safety Forum, which the Commissioner chairs, and which includes the Chairs of all District CSPs.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel:-

- i) Noted the contents of the report and commented on any matters arising.
- ii) Requested that half-yearly update reports on the outcomes of the projects / initiatives funded be presented to the Panel.

14 YOYO PRESENTATION

The Panel received a presentation from S Mawson, Senior Communications Officer, OPCC on the 'You're Only Young Once' (YOYO) initiative.

Members were informed that the YOYO initiative had been funded by the Commissioner and led by his office.

YOYO had been developed as an awareness campaign covering twelve themes to engage young people in schools to help them get their voices heard and prevent them from becoming victims of crime.

The OPCC was working in partnership with Bauer Academy and Hallam FM, to deliver a series of workshop and classroom based sessions. Students research social issues which affect them, create podcasts, radio advertisements, videos, Instagram stories and boomerangs on the subject. Through allowing young people to voice their own key messages, the Commissioner can then understand what the priorities are on key subjects.

YOYO had visited 38 South Yorkshire secondary schools since March 2017. The YOYO air campaign had reached 575,253 listeners across Hallam FM. The content produced by YOYO students across South Yorkshire had received over 10,000 hits on You Tube.

Councillors Frost and Nevett and A Carter thanked the OPCC for allowing them to observe a YOYO session, which they had all found to be extremely interesting and enjoyable. Panel Members' who had not observed a session were encouraged to attend a future YOYO session in their district.

RESOLVED – That Police and Crime Panel Members:-

- i) Thanked S Mawson for an interesting and informative presentation; and
- ii) Were encouraged to attend a future YOYO session in their district.

15 COMPLAINTS UPDATE & THE PCC'S COMPLAINTS POWERS

A report was presented to draw the Panel's attention to the government's proposed extension of the PCC's complaints handling powers regarding complaints about police conduct.

The report also provided the Panel with a regular update on complaints made against the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) during the period April to December 2018.

M Buttery asked if D Cutting could clarify the language used within paragraph 10 of the report to reflect the fact that the number of complaints received were not all against the PCC.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel:-

- i) Noted the synopsis of complaints received.
- ii) Noted and considered how it would scrutinise any revised PCC complaints powers and duties.
- iii) Noted that M Buttery's request would be followed-up by D Cutting in relation to the language used in paragraph 10 of the report presented at today's meeting.

16 PCC DECISIONS

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was presented to provide Members of the Panel with information on the decisions taken by the Commissioner since the last meeting.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel noted the contents of the report and commented on any matters arising.

17 LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

A report was presented to provide Members with an update of learning and development activity undertaken since the last meeting held on 3rd September 2018.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel noted the learning and development activity undertaken.

18 USE OF GRANT MONIES TO PAY SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES

Councillor Khayum declared a personal interest in relation to the following agenda item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

A report was presented to inform Members that, on 17th November 2017 the South Yorkshire Leaders' meeting had received a report suggesting that an independent report into the payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Police and Crime Panel be commissioned.

This report was prepared by Dr Declan Hall, an expert in the field of Members' Allowances, and the outcome and recommendations submitted to the South Yorkshire Leaders' on 26th January 2018. At that meeting the recommendations to pay the Chair of the Panel a sum of £5,350 per annum, and the Vice-Chair a sum of £2,675 per annum (in addition to the basic allowance of £920.00 per annum) was agreed.

The report was referred to each District Council's Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) for consideration.

Members noted that Doncaster and Rotherham's IRPs agreed to pay the SRAs, with Barnsley looking to do the same nearer to the time of taking the Vice-Chair in 2021. However, Sheffield (through the Leader of the Council) asked the Joint Authorities Governance Unit to explore with the Home Office whether the Grant to the Police and Crime Panel could be utilised to pay SRAs. This matter was referred to the Home Office on the 25th July 2018. A response was received on 19th September 2018 giving permission for Panels (not just South Yorkshire) to pay allowances and SRAs from the Grant where affordable.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel:-

- i) Agreed to utilise the Grant monies allocated to the Police and Crime Panel to pay a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) to the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- ii) Agreed to backdate the SRA to 1st April 2018 in line with Dr Declan Hall's Independent report.

19 RULES OF PROCEDURE - SUGGESTED REVISIONS

A report of the Panel's Solicitor / Legal Adviser was submitted informing Members that the Rules of Procedure are kept under review and were last updated (and approved by the Panel) on 3rd September 2018.

The report recommended one amendment to the Rules of Procedure as detailed below:

- 1. A change of wording to Section 11 (11.1) in respect of questions from Members of the Panel to the Commissioner.

Members were reminded that, this followed on from discussion at the September Panel meeting, and further advice being sought from the Host Authority's Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel:-

- i) Noted the report.
- ii) Approved the amendments to the Panel's Rules of Procedure (as detailed in paragraph 11 of the report) with immediate effect.

20 WORK PROGRAMME / PAB DATES & ROTA

Members considered the 2019 Work Programme and were reminded that they could submit issues for the Work Programme that fall within the Panel's statutory role in supporting and / or holding the Commissioner to account.

All issues would be given full consideration by the Chair, Vice-Chair and Commissioner at the pre-agenda planning meetings.

Additionally, Members were encouraged to attend meetings of the Commissioner's Public Accountability Board (PAB) to increase their operational knowledge.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel noted the contents of the 2019 Work Programme.

21 PCC'S RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was presented to provide Members with information on the PCC's risk management arrangements.

RESOLVED – That the Police and Crime Panel:-

- i) Noted the contents of the report; and
- ii) Agreed that sufficient controls are in place to manage and maintain the likelihood of potential strategic risks.

22 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Panel be held on Monday 4th February 2019, 1:00 pm in Meeting Room 14, Town Hall, Church Street, Barnsley.

A Budget Familiarisation Session for Panel Members will be held on Tuesday 29th January 2019, 9:30 am – 11:30 am in Meeting Room 2, Town Hall, Church Street, Barnsley.

CHAIR