



SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

ANNUAL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY

8 JUNE 2020

PRESENT: Councillor D Nevett (Doncaster MBC) (Chair)

Councillor S Sansome (Rotherham MBC) (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: A Cherryholme (Barnsley MBC), J Grocutt (Sheffield City Council), P Garbutt (Sheffield City Council), J Otten (Sheffield City Council), P Short (Rotherham MBC), Councillor J Steinke (Sheffield City Council) and S Wilkinson (Doncaster MBC)

Independent Co-opted Members: Professor A James

Dr A Billings (South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner)

M Buttery, S Abbott, S Parkin, K Wright and F Topliss (Office of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner)

M McCarthy, J Field, L Noble, A Shirt and C Tyler (Barnsley MBC)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Mitchell (Barnsley MBC) and Mr A Carter (Independent Co-opted Member)

1 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2020/21**

M McCarthy opened the meeting and invited nominations for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Panel.

RESOLVED – That Members agreed:-

- i) Councillor Nevett be appointed as Chair to the Police and Crime Panel for the ensuing municipal year.
- ii) Councillor Sansome be appointed as Vice-Chair to the Police and Crime Panel for the ensuing municipal year.

2 **WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR**

Councillor Nevett welcomed everyone to the Annual virtual meeting of the Police and Crime Panel.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Nevett welcomed Councillor Jim Steinke to his first, albeit virtual meeting of the Police and Crime Panel and looked forward to working with him in the future.

Members were informed that Councillor Steinke had been nominated to represent Sheffield City Council on the Panel following the resignation of Councillor Michelle Cook earlier in the year.

An extended welcome went to Jason Field, the Panel's new Legal Advisor, who was taking over from Garry Kirk.

Councillor Nevett made reference to the 'Black Lives Matter' protests which had been taking place across the world following the death of George Floyd. He wished to place on record that, whilst this issue was generated from an instance in the USA, he wished to make it very clear, South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel was against racism. Additionally, South Yorkshire Police were working very hard in South Yorkshire's diverse and multicultural areas to ensure they are confronting racism and keeping people safe to achieve the outcomes and priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for South Yorkshire.

In relation to the Coronavirus pandemic, Councillor Nevett reported that the death toll in the UK was now well over 40,000.

Members observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect to NHS staff, emergency workers and residents who had passed away from this indiscriminate virus.

5 URGENT ITEMS

None.

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

None.

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

None.

8 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:-

8A TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

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

8B TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

There were no questions to the Police and Crime Panel.

9 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2020

Professor James stated that, his question in relation to whether the Force had in place a Female Offenders' Strategy had been paraphrased on the Action Log and marked as 'discharged', when in fact the action was still active and the Panel was scheduled to consider the Strategy later in the year.

Professor James thanked the Commissioner's Office for the answers they had provided to him in relation to Restorative Justice.

Members' paid tribute to the work undertaken by the Force during the Coronavirus pandemic lockdown.

Councillor Sansome highlighted that, a number of actions contained on the Action Log still remained 'live' from the February Panel meeting. He asked if updates could be provided to Members.

It was agreed that the remaining 'live' actions contained on the Action Log be followed-up by L Noble after today's meeting with the Commissioner's Office.

RESOLVED –

- i) That all remaining 'live' actions contained on the Action Log be followed-up by L Noble after today's meeting with the Commissioner's Office.
- ii) That the minutes of the Police and Crime Panel held on 6th February 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

10 MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL 2020-21

A report was presented setting out the membership of the Police and Crime Panel for the municipal year 2020/21.

Members were informed that, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent enactment of the Covid Act, appointments to the Panel would remain as those communicated in May/June 2019, until a Constituent Council informed the Clerk to the Panel otherwise, or until annual meetings of Constituent Councils take place in May/June 2021.

Councillor Nevett welcomed Councillor Anita Cherryholme, representing Barnsley MBC to her first Panel meeting.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel noted the membership of the Police and Crime Panel 2020-21.

11 APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER

M McCarthy reported that the report due to be presented at today's meeting in relation to the appointment of a Monitoring Officer had now been withdrawn from the agenda.

It was explained that this was due to the host Authority (Barnsley MBC) currently being in the process of appointing a new Monitoring Officer, following the retirement of Andrew Frosdick on 31st May 2020.

A report would be presented to the July Panel meeting setting out details of the new Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED – That Police and Crime Panel Members noted the update.

12 MONITORING DELIVERY OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN - QUARTERLY REPORT (JANUARY TO MARCH 2020)

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was submitted to present the Quarterly Report for the period January – March 2020, produced from the developing Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) Police and Partners Performance Framework.

The report 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.

The Commissioner reported that the latter two weeks covered in the quarterly report coincided with the Government's lockdown restrictions as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst the three priorities set out in his Police and Crime Plan for 2020/21 remained the same, the emergency situation created by the Coronavirus meant that business could not be as usual.

In order to respond to the emergency and fulfil his statutory responsibilities, the Commissioner stated that he had focused on four main areas as set out in Appendix A to the report.

Councillor Grocutt commented that, the figures contained in the report suggested take-up for the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) service was low. She asked the Commissioner to explain this. She also queried if the location of the SARC was an issue, and asked what support was available to victims who did not use the SARC.

The Commissioner replied that, the location of the SARC had been chosen due to its close proximity to the motorway network, both day and night, and the fact that it is not located in a police building. There was the option for victims to self-refer, however, the majority of referrals came from the police who escorted victims to the

SARC. In relation to support, the Commissioner stated that there were no other voluntary bodies who provided support.

K Wright added that he would provide Members with a breakdown of the source of the referrals to the SARC for each quarter after today's meeting.

Councillor Grocutt also asked if there was any data on the take-up of the 'Inspire to Change' service.

The Commissioner stated he was pleased to report that, the Inspire to Change service had been able to continue during the Covid-19 lockdown, through remote working and other means.

Councillor Grocutt made reference to the large amount of positive multi-agency work taking place with regards to missing persons. She asked if figures were available in relation to those missing from home in Sheffield, and asked if this was still an area of concern for the Force.

The Commissioner replied that he was unsure why there was particular emphasis on missing persons in Sheffield and asked K Wright to provide further detail.

K Wright replied that all four districts focused on missing persons, however, Sheffield had been the main focus in the January to March quarterly report.

The Commissioner provided Members' with a verbal update in respect of regional collaboration activity, following a request from Councillor Otten.

M Buttery agreed to provide Members with a written update on Regional Collaboration. Discussions would take place with L Noble to ascertain if this would be in the form of a Member Briefing, or a formal report to the Panel reviewing the efficiency and effectiveness of all collaborative activity.

On behalf of Councillor Wilkinson, Councillor Nevett asked if any figures were available for domestic abuse incidents and arrests made since the Covid-19 lockdown.

The Commissioner replied that, in the immediate period after lockdown, the number of domestic abuse referrals to national helplines had increased exponentially. In South Yorkshire there had not been a noticeable increase, however, domestic abuse cases were beginning to steadily increase again.

Councillor Sansome thanked the Commissioner and his staff for providing Members with a virtual briefing in May on the Force's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, crime trends and other issues.

Councillor Sansome asked if a further informal briefing could take place with Members, as the recovery stage is approached and lockdown restrictions ease.

The Commissioner acknowledged the request.

Councillor Grocutt highlighted that, levels of anti-social behaviour were down, but all crime was up by 3000, which was not attributable to drugs offences or residential burglary. She asked if it was possible to be provided with a break down by offence and detail on which crimes were increasing and a breakdown of crime by district.

The Commissioner replied that all Acquisitive crime and drug dealing had fallen dramatically when Government lockdown was introduced. As lockdown restrictions were eased, crime was beginning to return to normal levels.

The Commissioner highlighted that, due to the lockdown, there was now a large backlog of Jury Trial Court cases, both nationally and in South Yorkshire, which were tentatively due to re-commence towards the end of June 2020.

Councillor Sansome asked if Members could be provided with information on the number and types of outstanding Court cases.

The Commissioner acknowledged the request. He added that, it could be difficult to obtain the data, which he anticipated would be considerable. Furthermore, this may cause concern to the public if the information was released.

In response to Councillor Grocutt's request for a breakdown of crime by district. K Wright acknowledged the request and agreed to provide this.

He highlighted that, there would need to be a balance achieved regarding how much data was provided, against the size of the overall report. Website links were contained on the Commissioner's website to the Office for National Statistics with published data of police recorded crime for each quarter, for each police force in England and Wales and also links to websites that provided further information on Police and Crime data in South Yorkshire.

K Wright agreed to provide Members' with the website links via L Noble.

Professor James highlighted that, the number of Stop and Searches undertaken in the period January to March 2020 had increased significantly. He asked the Commissioner to provide further comment on the scale of the increase and what had happened with regards to Stop and Searches following the Covid-19 lockdown.

The Commissioner replied there were two main reasons for the large scale increase. Firstly, the change of Home Secretary and their policy with regards to Stop and Search. Secondly, the Force had received Surge funding last year which had led to more activity in Stop and Search.

The Commissioner also received assurance from his Independent Ethics Panel who were monitoring the individuals who were being stopped and searched to ensure that it was not disproportionate and positive outcomes were being achieved. During the lockdown, the Force had continued and maintained Stop and Searches reasonably well.

Noting that drug crime had reduced, Professor James asked the Commissioner to provide comment.

The Commissioner provided a detailed response. In summary, it was noted that during the Covid-19 lockdown the nature of drug dealing had changed, people were now buying drugs online rather than in the streets.

Professor James stated he had previously asked the Commissioner if he could provide information on Restorative Justice in relation to offenders referred by district, by offence and by gender, however, he had been informed that, it would be too complex to provide this information. He asked if Remedi would be able to provide this information.

K Wright replied that he would discuss Professor James' request with the Commissioning Team to re-check the data and identify if there were any gaps and the total number of referrals.

Professor James asked if there was a reason for the positive increase in the use of Restorative Justice. Furthermore, he asked if there was not a higher number of referrals given that 1,211 individuals had been trained in Restorative Justice.

K Wright replied that referrals had increased in the quarter as a direct result of the training. Additionally, for Restorative Justice to be undertaken, it needed the agreement of both parties (the victim and the offender). The numbers could be low, due to none of the parties wishing to take part. Members noted that the OPCC were programmed to carry out a scrutiny review of the Restorative Justice Service later in the year.

Councillor Grocutt asked what action was being taken by the Force to encourage more BAME communities to join South Yorkshire Police.

The Commissioner replied that the Force had made slow progress in recruiting more BAME communities to join South Yorkshire Police. He was considering asking the Independent Ethics Panel to undertake a review to understand why this was the case.

Councillor Grocutt stated she had concerns regarding Fixed Penalty Notices issued to BAME people during the lockdown. She also asked if staff in the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) had been taken from other departments in the Force, or if they were additional, or redeployed staff and if there had been any impacts on service delivery due to shortfalls in departments.

The Commissioner replied that the Force were about average in the table of police forces across the country for the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued. The Commissioner was content that this was a fair representation in very difficult times.

In relation to VRU staffing, the Commissioner confirmed that, staff were employed by the VRU, albeit one Police Officer at Superintendent level who was joint head of the unit.

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

- i) Noted the contents of the report and commented on any matters arising.
- ii) Noted that K Wright had agreed to provide a breakdown of the source of the referrals to the SARC for each quarter.
- iii) Noted that discussions would take place between M Buttery and L Noble to ascertain if an update on Regional Collaboration would be in the form of a Member Briefing, or a formal report to the Panel to review the efficiency and effectiveness of all collaborative activity.
- iv) Noted that the Commissioner had acknowledged Councillor Sansome's request to provide a further informal briefing with Members with regards Covid-19, as the recovery stage is approached and lockdown restrictions ease.
- v) Noted that K Wright had agreed to provide Members with a breakdown of crime by district.
- vi) Noted that K Wright would provide Members with the website link to the Office for National Statistics published data on police recorded crime for each quarter and for each police force in England and Wales and links to websites that provide further information on Police and Crime data in South Yorkshire.
- vii) Noted that K Wright would discuss Professor James' request with regards to Restorative Justice with the Commissioning Team to re-check the data and identify if there were any gaps and the total number of referrals.

13 CONSOLIDATED BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - DRAFT OUTTURN AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

A report was presented to provide Panel Members with information on the draft financial position based on the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020.

The report provided Members with a consolidated position on the budget managed by the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police force and budgets managed by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Members noted that, based on current assumptions, the forecast outturn position for the revenue budget was an underspend of £2.893m.

As at 29th February 2020, the draft outturn position was a £1.225m underspend on the Chief Constable's budget, net of external funding.

The PCC and OPCC budget was underspent by £567k (including legacy costs). The main reasons for the underspend were presented within the report for Members' information.

A revised capital programme of £20.7m had been approved at the Public Accountability Board held in October 2019.

The draft reserves position, issues and uncertainties in the financial position moving forwards and the cost of the unexpected Covid-19 pandemic was presented within the report and noted by Members.

Councillor Nevett raised concerns that, underspends continued and the amount held in reserves continued to rise, when the Commissioner had requested the Panel in February 2020 to increase the Council Tax Precept for 2020/21.

The Commissioner replied that, over the term of the MTFS to 2023/24, a further £19m of reserves was estimated to be required to support Legacy costs. He also wished to remind Members that, the two percent increase in the Council Tax Precept was the lowest of any PCC in the country. The Commissioner added he was well aware, that South Yorkshire was one of the poorest parts of the country and due to the Covid-19 pandemic, unemployment and redundancies in South Yorkshire had increased on a considerable scale. He would look to keep the Council Tax Precept as moderate as he could for 2021/22.

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

14 HOME OFFICE FUNDING UPDATE

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was presented to provide Panel Members with information on additional Home Office funding received or applied for in 2019/20 along with updates around funding allocated for 2020/21. The funding predominantly related to early intervention, tackling serious violence and increasing police officer numbers.

S Abbott reported that a South Yorkshire VRU application had been submitted to the Youth Endowment Fund's Covid-19 grant round for a maximum grant of £50,000.

The Youth Endowment Fund's Covid-19 grant round would fund and evaluate work which supports vulnerable young people at risk of youth violence, and which could be delivered whilst adhering to UK government social distancing and stay-at-home guidelines.

On behalf of the Panel, Councillor Nevett wished to thank officers for all the work undertaken to obtain extra funding to keep South Yorkshire residents safe.

Councillor Otten referred to the 'Uplift' grant which had been made available to support an increase in police officer numbers and subject to the Force meeting set recruitment targets. He asked if the terms and conditions on grant were still in place and if recruitment was being affected by the current Covid-19 pandemic.

S Abbott replied that, recruitment was still taking place. However, it was more difficult due to the College of Policing assessments currently being suspended. The College of Policing were developing new ways in which assessments could be undertaken through the Covid-19 pandemic, with a solution expected shortly. It

was noted that, due to Covid-19, the Home Office had relaxed the conditions on the grant, due to recognised difficulties with recruitment and assessment nationally.

Councillor Garbutt asked why there had been a greater number of police officers leaving the Force than originally estimated.

The Commissioner replied that, 779 officers were expected to leave the Force between now and 2024, and these posts would need to be filled. In addition, the Force also needed to recruit 487 additional officers as part of the Government's plans to recruit an extra 20,000 police officers in the UK. 220 funded from Council Tax Precept increase. There would be a lot of pressure on Central Government from all PCCs for flexibility in imposing some of the rules around funding and officer recruitment.

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

15 POLICE & CRIME PANEL ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

A report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance was submitted to present the draft Police and Crime Panel's Annual Report 2019-20 for Members' consideration and approval.

Members were requested to provide comments on the contents of the Annual Report to L Noble by 19th June 2020, following which design work would be undertaken in-house to produce the report.

L Noble sought the Panel's authorisation to print the required number of copies of the Annual Report for circulation to all South Yorkshire Councillors, South Yorkshire MPs and Town and Parish Councils to help raise the visibility of the work of the Panel. A copy would also be added to the Panel's website.

The full costs for the production, printing and postage of the Annual Report would be reported to the Panel in the Autumn, but it was not anticipated that the costs would differ much for the 2018-19 costs set out within paragraph 3 of the report.

L Noble thanked Independent Member, A Carter for proof-reading the report.

Following discussion, Councillor Otten proposed that, in order to make the report accessible to members of the public, printed copies of the Annual Report be distributed to all libraries in South Yorkshire.

Councillor Otten also proposed that, an electronic version only of the Annual Report be circulated by email to all South Yorkshire Councillors, South Yorkshire MPs and Town and Parish Councils.

Councillor Grocutt seconded the proposals.

The proposals were put to the vote, all Members were in agreement.

Councillor Sansome stated that he agreed in principle with the proposals and requested that Members be notified of the costs for distributing printed copies to all South Yorkshire libraries prior to despatch.

L Noble acknowledged the request and agreed to provide Members with the information at a future Panel meeting.

Professor James expressed his reservation regarding the non-distribution of paper copies of the Annual Report to Parish Councils. He suggested it would be sensible to encourage Parish Council Clerks to circulate the electronic report on to Parish Councillors.

M Buttery stated she could make arrangements for the Panel's Report to be added to the Commissioner's website.

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

- i) Considered and agreed to provide comments on the draft 2019-20 Police and Crime Panel Annual Report by 19th June 2020.
- ii) Agreed in principle to allocate funding to print the required number of copies for distribution to all South Yorkshire libraries, subject to Members being notified of the costs for printing and posting the Annual Report to all libraries in South Yorkshire. It was also recognised the distribution may be delayed depending on capacity within Barnsley MBC's Print Unit during the current Covid-19 restrictions.

16 PCC DECISIONS

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

Councillor Grocutt stated that, she was concerned about the Commissioner's decision to approve the release of funds to allow the Force to 'buy back' annual leave booked by individuals undertaking critical roles at a time when there was duty of care for the Force to grant leave to officers in critical roles.

She asked the Commissioner what information had been supplied to him before he made the decision, how much had been allocated to the Force, and if there were any options available to allow officers to carry over annual leave.

M Buttery replied that, a well-resourced decision paper had been presented to the Commissioner providing background information and cost implications etc.

M Buttery agreed to provide Members with further information outside of today's meeting.

Councillor Sansome asked if the schemes approved from the PCC's Community Grants Scheme had continued to be monitored through the Covid-19 lockdown.

F Topliss confirmed that applications continued to be analysed by the OPCC. She was of the understanding that, some schemes were to receive an increased grant if they had been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Some schemes had been delayed due Covid-19, but she anticipated they would be back on track once restrictions were lifted. She agreed to provide Members with details, in due course of the Groups that had been successful in receiving grants.

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

- i) Noted the contents of the report and commented on any matters arising.
- ii) Noted that M Buttery had agreed to provide Members with further information on the Commissioner's decision to approve the release of funds to allow the Force to 'buy back' annual leave booked by individuals undertaking critical roles.
- iii) Noted that F Topliss would provide information in due course, of the Groups that had been successful in receiving grants from the Commissioner's Community Grants Scheme.

17 LEAD / LINK MEMBERS - REVIEW

A report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance was submitted to remind Panel Members that, the Lead / Link Member arrangement had been cited as best practice for Police and Crime Panels across the country as an alternative model of delivering effective support and scrutiny for the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Members' were reminded that the Panel had agreed in July 2019 to establish a Lead / Link Member model. At this time the Panel felt that, an additional Lead Member in the area of performance was required, but to review the arrangements in a year to establish if they were working well, if any changes were required, and whether the Panel would benefit from adding an additional Lead Member in another area. At this time, Councillor Grocutt was appointed Lead Member, with A Carter as Deputy.

L Noble reported that the Lead Member role for Performance was working extremely well, and requested Members to retain Councillor Grocutt as Lead Member, with Professor James officially taking over from A Carter as Deputy Member for Performance.

Members noted that there was one vacancy on the Budget Working Group from Sheffield City Council, following the resignation of Councillor Cook. Members were recommended to appoint Councillor Steinke to fill this vacancy.

Members' commented that both the Budget Working Group and Performance Sub-Group had provided them with invaluable additional information to allow them to fulfil their role on the Panel, and wished to thank the OPCC for their continued support.

Councillor Otten asked the Panel to give its consideration to appointing a Lead Member in the area of race relations.

L Noble thanked Councillor Otten for his suggestion. She highlighted that, there could be a potential duplication with the Commissioner's Independent Ethics Panel. L Noble agreed to undertake research and discuss the suggested role further with the OPCC. Feedback would be provided a future Panel meeting.

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

- i) Considered the current arrangements.
- ii) Agreed that Councillor Michelle Cook's replacement from Sheffield City Council, Councillor Steinke fills the vacancy on the Budget Working Group.
- iii) Agreed to the proposed change to the Deputy Lead member (Performance) as set out at paragraph 8 in the report.
- iv) Agreed to continue with the current Lead Member arrangements, and review at the next Annual Meeting in 2021.
- v) Noted that L Noble would undertake research and discussions with the OPCC in relation to a suggested Lead Member role for race relations and provide feedback to a future Panel meeting.

18 LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

A report was submitted to update Members on current events – national, regional and local, together with future plans in respect of learning and development for the Panel.

L Noble reported that, due to the lockdown restrictions in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, it had not been possible to arrange two of the proposed events (Annual Session with Frontline Consulting and Engagement with Community Safety Partnerships). It was felt that both these sessions, would be more effectively delivered face-to-face, rather than virtually. Planning for the events was still taking place.

It was noted that the Annual Session with Frontline Consulting was considered not to be time critical and could be held in 2021 if necessary. Engagement with the Community Partnerships was time-sensitive and would be held once Government restrictions were eased.

Councillor Nevett reported there would be all-out Elections in May 2021. He suggested that, the Annual Session with Frontline Consulting be held after the Panel's Annual meeting in June / July 2021.

L Noble agreed to look at the timing of the Annual Session with Frontline Consulting on the Panel's Work Programme.

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

- i) Noted the update.
- ii) Agreed to provide suggestions for future learning and development.
- iii) Noted that L Noble would look to amend the Panel Work Programme with regards to the timing of the Annual Session with Frontline Consulting for June / July 2021.

19 WORK PROGRAMME / PAB DATES

Members considered the 2020 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 scrutinising the Commissioner.

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 the meetings of the Commissioner's Public Accountability Board (PAB) to increase their operational knowledge. These are currently being held virtually and Members can obtain details to 'dial in' to the meeting.

L Noble reported that she had intended, through the OPCC, to invite the Chief Constable to the July Panel meeting. Given the current situation, this may need to be re-scheduled or arrangements made for a virtual 'off camera' session with Members. L Noble would discuss further with the OPCC as part of the agenda planning for the next meeting.

OPCC colleagues reported that they would not have all the necessary information available to present the Budget Monitoring and the Quarterly Performance update reports to the July meeting. OPCC colleagues asked that the reports be considered at a later meeting of the Panel.

L Noble acknowledged the requests and agreed to discuss the future scheduling of the reports with the OPCC.

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

- i) Noted the contents of the 2020 Work Programme.
- ii) Noted that discussions would take place with the OPCC in relation to arranging a virtual 'off camera' briefing for Members with the Chief Constable.
- iii) Noted that L Noble would discuss the future scheduling of the Budget Monitoring report and Quarterly Performance report due to be presented at the July Panel meeting.

20 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel be held on Monday 20th July 2020 and Members notified of the arrangements for this meeting nearer the time.

CHAIR