



SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

IN THE BOARDROOM, TOWN HALL, CHURCH STREET, BARNSELEY, S70 2TA

20 APRIL 2018

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

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

Councillors: B Cutts (Rotherham MBC), J Dunn (Sheffield City Council), D Hughes (Doncaster MBC), B Johnson (Sheffield City Council), J Otten (Sheffield City Council) 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 Samantha Mawson (Office of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner)

Officers: D Cutting, M McCarthy, L Noble and M McCoole (Barnsley MBC)

An apology for absence was received from A Shirt (Barnsley MBC)

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

M McCarthy apologised to Members for the size of the meeting room. Future Panel meetings would be held in the larger reception and meeting rooms that were located at Barnsley Town Hall. It was anticipated that the portable webcasting equipment would be operational at the next Panel meeting.

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

None.

6B TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

None.

7 QUESTIONS FROM POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEMBERS TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

None.

8 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2018

A Carter referred to the partnership grants that had been awarded to the four local Community Safety Partnerships. He had previously requested information outside the meeting from the Commissioner for Panel Members, in relation to those organisations that did and did not receive grant aid. He considered that it was useful for Members to be informed of the organisations that had been both successful and unsuccessful.

The Commissioner would endeavour to make the information available.

Councillor Dunn referred to awarded grants and match funding. She highlighted the need for joined up thinking across the local authorities, in an attempt to streamline and establish a more cohesive way of working.

The Commissioner stated that the OPCC did not request match funding, but would clarify for Councillor Dunn.

RESOLVED – That:-

- i) The Commissioner would endeavour to provide Panel Members with the information in relation to those organisations that had been successful and unsuccessful in receiving grant aid.
- ii) The Commissioner would clarify the issue of awarded grants and match funding.
- iii) The minutes of the Police and Crime Panel held on 2 February 2018 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

9 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE

The Commissioner stated that the Neighbourhood Policing Teams would ascertain the requirements for re-engagement with local communities up to the middle of May 2018. He hoped that all Members had met with their respective local inspectors to re-establish the links, and to discuss how they envisaged matters to be progressed further. He urged Members to contact the Force if they did not consider that there had been an improvement in the re-engagement with their local communities.

Councillor Khayum stated that matters had developed differently within the different areas. Greater engagement had recently been made at Sheffield Firth Park with the local councillors and the local Neighbourhood Policing Team. He considered that the SYP Alert System, which was utilised by Councillors, worked very well. This system is also available to members of the public.

Councillor Sansome referred to the good working relationships in Rotherham with the local PCSO's and the District Commander.

S Chu queried whether the staffing resources for re-engagement with local communities in the greatest need would be drawn from other areas within the Force.

The Commissioner stated that staffing resources would be utilised from elsewhere within the Force; this could potentially create an issue that was otherwise considered manageable. The additional 12 Police Now Officers that were now in place had undertaken an intensive course which included problem solving, which was the overall approach for Neighbourhood Policing Teams, in order to achieve an understanding of anti-social behaviour and the relevant partners which were required to provide assistance. The additional Neighbourhood Policing Team numbers were hoped to make a substantial difference to residents of South Yorkshire.

M Buttery referred to the number of reviews that were currently being undertaken by the Force, together with a post implementation review of the roll out of neighbourhood policing, to ascertain the impact that it had placed upon other services within the Force, and to establish the public perception of the initiative.

Councillor Hughes stated that since the initiative had been launched, he had not observed any PCSO's within his local ward area.

The Commissioner requested S Mawson to provide Councillor Hughes with the information regarding the frequency of police officer and PCSO's attendance within his local ward area.

Councillor Wilkinson referred to the problems encountered within her local ward area of Hexthorpe. She received a monthly update of the crimes committed within her local area, together with the details of the hours patrolled by the Force. She queried whether it would be useful for other Ward Members to receive similar updates on the hours that the Force had patrolled their local areas.

The Commissioner would provide individuals, upon request, with the details of the hours that the Force had patrolled local areas.

Councillor Sansome queried whether victim support was aligned with the Force's review of the Neighbourhood Policing Model. He requested that a report be presented to the Panel on how the Commissioner held the Chief Constable to account, and the progress made on the Neighbourhood Policing Model.

M Buttery would ascertain whether victim support formed part of the review of the Neighbourhood Policing Model. A report regarding the public trust and confidence was scheduled to be presented to the Panel in June.

The Commissioner highlighted that victim support would be raised at the next Public Accountability Board Meeting to be held on 24 April, and to which Panel Members were invited as observers.

Councillor Cutts queried the progress of a serious incident case that had occurred in Rotherham.

The Commissioner requested Councillor Cutts inform him of the particular case outside of the meeting. Incidents of a serious nature would be discussed in his weekly meetings with the Chief Constable.

RESOLVED – That:-

- i) Councillor Hughes would be provided with the information regarding the frequency of police officer and PCSO's attendance within his local ward area.
- ii) M Buttery would ascertain whether victim support formed part of the review of the Neighbourhood Policing Model.
- iii) Members noted that a report regarding the public trust and confidence was scheduled to be presented to the Panel in June.
- iv) Members noted the update.

10 REOFFENDING WITHIN SOUTH YORKSHIRE

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was presented to provide an overview of the Commissioner's interest and role (including those aspects which were statutory) in relation to reducing reoffending across South Yorkshire, and to demonstrate the complex partnership and contractual arrangements in place, that aimed to focus upon the rehabilitation of offenders to achieve a reduction in reoffending throughout the county.

Councillor Dunn referred to a recent visit in her local ward area with the Force, where they had encountered a homeless man who had been in prison for 5 weeks for shoplifting re-offences. She considered that the individual had not been in prison for a long enough duration to have received the necessary support on leaving prison. She highlighted the need for a greater understanding of low level reoffending.

The Commissioner highlighted the importance of bringing partners together, e.g. through Community Safety Partnerships and the Criminal Justice Board, in order to tackle the various issues. The number of homeless individuals was a visible and growing problem, which could be drug and alcohol abuse related, and there are many agencies involved in dealing with the issues associated with homelessness.

The Commissioner had recently met with the Home Secretary regarding violent crime. Crime has been falling overall for at least 10 years but in the last 3 to 4 years violent crime has risen.

Councillor Wilkinson referred to the shared learning from Rotherham MBC in relation to taxi licensing arrangements; a great deal of work had been undertaken in South Yorkshire to strengthen the safety checks for taxi drivers.

The Commissioner stated that all South Yorkshire local authorities were acutely aware of the taxi licensing issue. He considered the taxi licensing standards in South Yorkshire were correct and appropriate.

A Carter expressed his appreciation for the comprehensive report presented to the Panel. He is the representative of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector in Sheffield on the Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership. He queried whether the report, if slightly adjusted to be more pertinent to the Sheffield district, could be presented to the SSCP Board in an attempt to encourage and promote joint working.

Councillor Hughes queried the categorisation of low level offenders, together with the outcomes over the last financial year.

The Commissioner stated that he would provide Councillor Hughes with the information.

S Chu made reference to the significant changes to the Probation Service over recent years. He queried the Commissioner's assessment of the performance of the South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC). He referred to a recent news article which stated that the prison population was at its lowest level and that electronic tagging was at its highest level. He queried whether the Commissioner or the Force had received prior warning of this or its impact.

The Commissioner referred to concerns that had been expressed when the Probation Service had been split into two parts, with one part being privatised. He regularly met with Amanda Cullen, Director of HR and Organisational Development at CRC, which had initially encountered difficulties in recruiting and training individuals to an appropriate level. The Commissioner was aware of the ongoing activity within the prisons and the community impact. One particular prison in South Yorkshire brought individuals together for a final period before reintegration back into the community; this posed a problem as unhealthy alliances were formed within the prison. There was a concern within the prisons in relation to drugs and how they were supplied from the outside. His view was that the prison population

was at an all-time high. He would ascertain the position in relation to the electronic tagging system.

Councillor Sansome had recently attended a reoffender management course in London, which had referred to the increasing number of reoffending crimes and the individuals in prisons.

RESOLVED – That:-

- i) Members noted that the report would be slightly adjusted, to be more pertinent to the Sheffield district, to enable it to be presented to the Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership Board.
- ii) The Commissioner would provide Councillor Hughes with the categorisation of low level offenders, and the outcomes over the last financial year.
- iii) The Commissioner would ascertain the position in relation to the electronic tagging system.
- iv) Noted the role played by the Commissioner in relation to rehabilitating offenders, and reducing reoffending across South Yorkshire.
- v) Noted the latest position in relation to reoffending rates.

11 ATLAS COURT / CONTACT MANAGEMENT (101): UPDATE

M Buttery stated that the 'go live' date for the SmartContact implementation had been put back, to enable proper trials to be undertaken; the system would initially be operational within South Yorkshire Police before being implemented in Humberside Police. The issue was a priority area for the Commissioner, and clarity would continue to be sought. Feedback would be provided to Members at the next meeting.

L Noble is in liaison with SY Police in respect of a visit to demonstrate the SmartContact system. This is now likely to take place within the new municipal year.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the verbal update.

12 CYBER CRIME / ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

A Carter referred to Durham Constabulary, who had introduced an artificial intelligence system within their custody suite. He considered that, as artificial intelligence became part of everyday life, and the move towards utilisation within the police service, there was a possibility for heavy dependence on artificial intelligence which could be subject to virus infection. He requested the Commissioner to keep the Panel apprised of any ongoing developments on the impact for South Yorkshire, and in any other areas where artificial intelligence was being trialled.

The Commissioner stated that the Chief Constable had no plan to introduce artificial intelligence into custody suites.

M Buttery informed the Panel that South Yorkshire was collaborating with seven other Forces within the North East of England in relation to cyber crime. Updates would continue to be provided to the Panel as appropriate

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Would be provided with updates in relation to cyber crime as appropriate.
- ii) Noted the position.

13 HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY, FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES (HMICFRS) UPDATE

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was submitted in order to provide Members with an update on the latest HMICFRS policing inspection programme and framework 2018/19 and the HMICFRS PEEL: Police Effectiveness 2017 Inspection.

Members noted that Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's (HMIC) remit had been extended to include the inspections of fire and rescue services in England and was now known as Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

The Commissioner was concerned to ensure that the Police and Crime Plan priorities, which are reflected in the Force's Plan on a Page, were not distorted by HMICFRS priorities.

Councillor Otten considered that it would be useful for additional context / benchmarking information to be provided within future reports. He requested that a report be submitted to the Panel summarising the results of previous inspections, together with a comparison with other Forces.

S Chu queried whether the Commissioner considered that the Plan focused on vulnerable people, and how reassured was he that the HMICFRS had the correct focus on the matter. In relation to the HMICFRS inspection that would be undertaken for South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue (SYFR) in 2019, he queried whether the SYFR inspection outcome report would be presented to the Panel given that the Commissioner sat on the FRA.

The Commissioner acknowledged and congratulated the Force on the work undertaken to improve on the previous inspection. He reassured Members that vulnerable people had been a priority in the conversations he had held with the Chief Constable, and this element of the Police and Crime Plan would remain a priority moving forward. In relation to the SYFR inspection outcome report, he would have sight of the report within his capacity of SYFRA Member; there was a joint interest for collaborative working, but there is no intention for it to be submitted to the Panel.

Councillor Sansome queried whether the Force Management Statement would be reported to the Public Accountability Board. The Commissioner confirmed that the Force Management Statement would be reported to the Public Accountability Board.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Noted that the next report around HMICFRS inspections would include comparison with previous inspections, and a comparison with other Forces.
- ii) Noted the contents of the report.
- iii) Commented on any matters arising.

14 ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUDGET WORKING GROUP - MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

A report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance was submitted in relation to the establishment of a Budget Working Group, which would assist the Panel in developing its role and enable more in-depth discussion in relation to the budget and other financial issues in advance of budget and precept setting. Many Police and Crime Panels across the country had established working groups to address key issues such as the budget and the Police and Crime Plan.

L Noble stated that in order for the Budget Working Group to operate effectively, a representative from all four of the local authority districts should sit on the group. Notification was awaited from Barnsley MBC; L Noble would contact Councillor Griffin/Councillor Sixsmith.

If the Panel agreed to the establishment of the Budget Working Group further discussions would be held with the OPCC in relation to meeting frequency and the support required.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Noted that Councillor Griffin/Councillor Sixsmith would be contacted with a view to securing a Barnsley MBC representative on the Budget Working Group.
- ii) Approved the membership and Terms of Reference for the Budget Working Group.
- iii) Agreed that the meetings be held quarterly and reviewed in a year's time.

15 DECISION LOG (OPCC)

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

A Carter queried what the Capital Approval – Armoury Extension related to, and he also queried the re-location of the mounted section back to Ring Farm (which is in

Cudworth, Barnsley). He also referred to the agreement to provide financial assistance with an overall cap on funding of £20,000 plus VAT, and queried the extent to which a funding cap was determined at a specific limit.

The Commissioner stated that he would establish what the Capital Approval – Armoury Extension related to. He confirmed that Ring Farm was located in Cudworth, Barnsley and that the Chief Constable intended to relocate the SYP Mounted Section back to Ring Farm. He highlighted the need to be very careful in relation to the agreement to provide financial assistance with an overall cap on funding of £20,000 plus VAT.

RESOLVED – That:-

- i) The Commissioner would ascertain what the Capital Approval – Armoury Extension related to.
- ii) Members noted the contents of the report and commented on any matters arising.

16 LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE - REVIEW & YEAR AHEAD

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

Members noted the informal ‘reflection’/work planning meeting that had been held for the Panel on 18 April 2018 and facilitated by Frontline Consulting. Councillors Khayum, Sansome, Hughes, and A Carter, D Cutting and L Noble had been in attendance; a written submission had been received from S Chu.

Councillor Khayum had found the session to be an extremely useful forum to discuss the ways in which to develop the Panel further. He suggested that additional sessions be organised in the forthcoming municipal year to continue the development of the Panel.

L Noble drew Members’ attention to a series of events that would be held over the coming year – the LGA PCP Workshop on Wednesday 11 July and the Seventh Annual PCP Conference hosted by Frontline Consulting on Monday 12 November. These events are specifically aimed at Police and Crime Panels and the Panel would be represented at both.

Councillor Sansome had attended the inaugural meeting of the LGA Special Interest Group on 19 April 2018 which is looking to establish a National Association of Police and Crime Panels. Councillor Sansome and L Noble would attend the first meeting of the Yorkshire and Humberside PCP Regional Network on 23 May 2018.

L Noble offered Members an opportunity, through the Development Discussion process, to discuss any requirements for additional support to assist in fulfilling the Panel’s role, and these will be held after the Panel’s Annual Meeting in June.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Agreed that additional learning and development sessions be arranged during the next municipal year to continue to develop the Panel's role.
- ii) Noted the opportunity to discuss any requirements for additional support to assist in fulfilling the Panel's role after the Annual meeting on 4 June.
- iii) Noted the update.
- iv) Provide suggestions for future learning and development.

17 WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the 2018/19 Work Programme.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel noted the contents of the 2018/19 Work Programme.

18 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Annual Meeting of the Panel will be held on Monday 4 June 2018, at 1pm in Meeting Room 11 at the Town Hall, Church Street, Barnsley, S70 2TA.

CHAIR