



**SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

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

**1 APRIL 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor A Khayum (Sheffield City Council) (Chair)  
Councillor S Sansome (Rotherham MBC) (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors: R Frost (Barnsley MBC), D Nevett (Doncaster MBC), P Short (Rotherham MBC) and J Otten (Sheffield City Council)

Independent Co-opted Member: Mr A Carter

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)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Dyson (Barnsley MBC), Councillor B Johnson (Sheffield City Council), Councillor M O'Rourke (Sheffield CC), Councillor S Wilkinson (Doncaster MBC), Mr S Chu (Independent Co-opted Member) and D Cutting (Barnsley MBC)

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

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 NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Sansome provided the Panel with background information in relation to the Motion he had submitted for consideration by the Panel at today's meeting.

The Panel then considered the following Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Sansome:

'The South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel is calling on the Police and Crime Commissioner to join with his counterparts in collaboration to shut down the menace of County Lines exploitation, modern slavery and exploitation of children'.

The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Nevett.

A recorded vote was taken and recorded as follows:-

For the motion (7) Councillors Khayum, Sansome, Frost, Nevett, Short, Otten and Mr Carter.

Against the motion (0) and abstained (0). The motion was carried.

The Commissioner made an undertaking to present a series of separate reports on the various issues:

County Lines  
Modern Slavery  
Child Criminal Exploitation  
Child Sexual Exploitation  
Collaboration

to provide assurances to the Panel regarding how he was holding the Chief Constable to account in these areas.

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

- i) Considered and unanimously approved the motion.
- ii) Noted that a series of reports – as detailed above - would be presented to future Panel meetings by the Commissioner.

7 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:-

7A TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

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

7B TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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

8 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH FEBRUARY 2019

Councillor Nevett requested that paragraph 9 of Minute 9 'Proposed Council Tax Precept and Revenue Budget for 2019/20' be amended to read 'The PCC's proposal was to levy an annual increase in the precept of 14%, equivalent to £24 on a Band D property to £194.16'.

Councillor Khayum requested that paragraph 11 of Minute 9 'Proposed Council Tax Precept and Revenue Budget for 2019/20' be amended to remove Councillor Sansome's use of the term "veto". The webcast had been reviewed and Councillor Sansome did not use that terminology.

Councillor Sansome thanked the Commissioner on behalf of the Panel for his final letter in response to the Panel's deliberations on the Budget and Council Tax Precept for 2019/20.

Councillor Khayum referred to resolutions ii) and iii) of minute 9. He asked if the Commissioner could clarify the current position regarding the recruitment of additional officers in South Yorkshire.

The Commissioner reported that he had met with Chief Constable to consider the Panel's request to explore the recruitment of an additional 50 operational staff, in addition to the proposed 55. Following consideration of the Panel's request, it was noted that the Chief Constable and Commissioner did not feel able to increase recruitment further this year for a number of reasons.

It was explained that, in addition to the recruitment of the extra 55 officers as contained in the 2019/20 budget, the Force had also committed to fill 200 existing officer vacancies to replace those leaving or retiring over the next 12 months. New recruits entering the Force would also need to be placed alongside experienced officers for a period of time.

Members noted that the Chief Constable and Commissioner supported the Panel's aspiration to try and increase the number of officers year on year, if finances allow.

On behalf of the Panel, Councillor Khayum thanked the Commissioner and his office for their response.

Councillor Frost commented that, in relation to the Commissioner's Community Grant Scheme 2018/19, he was disappointed to note that only a small number of grants had been applied for from the voluntary groups and organisations in the Barnsley area. He asked the Commissioner what action could be taken to advertise his Grant Scheme more widely.

The Commissioner replied that for organisations to be successful, their project needed to be aligned with the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan. Members were informed that the Grant Scheme was being run in partnership with

the Barnsley Chronicle and Rotherham Advertiser, who were working hard to promote the scheme. In addition, the Commissioner asked Panel Members to inform voluntary groups of the Grants Scheme in their areas.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Police and Crime Panel held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record, subject to the above amendments at paragraphs 9 and 11 of minute 9.

9 SOUTH YORKSHIRE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was submitted to provide Members with a brief overview of South Yorkshire's Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB) and to confirm the role that the Police and Crime Commissioner has taken in relation to the LCJB and its activities.

Members noted that the Commissioner had a statutory responsibility for convening partners to ensure that priorities are aligned between criminal justice agencies with the aim of helping to support an effective and efficient criminal justice system for South Yorkshire's communities.

Councillor Sansome asked if feedback on the 'Your Voice Counts' Survey could be presented at a future Panel meeting.

M Buttery acknowledged the request. She added that the OPCC's Delivery Plan was currently being developed in response of the Commissioner's renewed Police and Crime Plan. It was proposed that the OPCC's Delivery Plan would be presented to a future Panel meeting after it has been presented at the April PAB meeting. A discussion would take place with the Panel Support's Officer regarding the timing of the report to the Panel.

Councillor Sansome asked if Jan Hannant, Director of the South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company (SYCRC) could be invited to a future Panel meeting to provide Members with information on the work of the SYCRC.

The Commissioner acknowledged the request.

M Buttery added that the OPCC's Delivery Plan would reflect the Local Criminal Justice Board's priorities for the coming year. A meeting of LCJB would be held later this month to consider their priorities. The initial draft priorities included: reducing of offending, timing of prosecutions, victim satisfaction rates and positive outcomes of various categories of crime. When the LCJB's priorities had been agreed, a discussion would take place with the Panel's Support Officer to agree the data that would be presented to the Panel.

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

- i) Noted the contents of the report.
- ii) Noted that feedback on the 'Your Voice Counts' Survey would be presented at a future Panel meeting.

- iii) Noted that a discussion would take place with the Panel's Support Officer regarding the timing of the OPCC's Delivery Plan being presented to the Panel.
- iv) Noted that Jan Hannant, Director of the South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company (SYCRC) would be invited by the Panel, to a future Panel meeting to provide Members with information on the work of the SYCRC.
- v) Noted that a discussion would take place with the Panel's Support Officer to agree the data that would be presented to the Panel in relation to the LCJB's priorities for the coming year.

## 10 THE PCC'S GOVERNANCE OF COLLABORATIVE WORKING

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was presented to provide Members with assurance that the Police and Crime Commissioner has effective collaboration governance arrangements in place, and keeps collaborative arrangements and agreements under review to offer an efficient and effective way of delivering policing (and fire and rescue) services.

It was noted that SYP had developed a Collaboration Effectiveness Framework (CEF) which was being used to review collaborative activity based on an assessment of risk and the significance of the activity.

Members noted there were a large number of South Yorkshire PCC and SYP collaborations (65+) currently in place.

A Collaboration Review Board (CRB) had been established and was responsible for co-ordinating assurance activity and the delivery of the Collaboration Effectiveness Framework. The CRB had put in place a review plan that runs from June 2018 until January 2020 and detailed when South Yorkshire Police expected to review each piece of collaborative activity.

Councillor Otten asked the Commissioner which specific areas of collaboration the Panel should focus its attention on.

The Commissioner replied that in terms of collaborations and partnerships moving forward, emphasis had been placed in his renewed Police and Crime Plan around local partnerships with local authorities and health. The Commissioner suggested that the Panel may wish to focus its attention on where more could be gained by working in partnership with local authorities and health.

Councillor Nevett asked in relation to the 65+ collaborations emerging, was there anything the Commissioner could do to mitigate new and emerging threats and risks.

The Commissioner replied that there would always be risks arising from collaboration, however this was always being reviewed and monitored. One area where rapid progress had been achieved was the Police and Fire collaboration; the

Commissioner suggested that it may be appropriate a later date to present further information to the Panel.

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

11 101 UPDATE

The Commissioner provided Members with details on the latest statistics in relation to South Yorkshire Police's call handling performance. From 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, Atlas Court had received 17,197 calls in total. Of this, 5,495 were emergency 999 calls and 9,960 non-emergency calls.

Between 7am and 7pm the average waiting time for a non-emergency call to be answered was 5 minutes 56 seconds. Between the hours of 7pm to 7am this increased to 11 minutes 1 second.

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the average waiting time for a non-emergency call to be answered was 4 minutes 47 seconds; within this one caller had to wait for 47 minutes. On the same day, the longest one person had to remain on hold, before they chose to terminate the call was 16 minutes 47 seconds. The average time people were waiting for their call to be answered was 3 minutes 16 seconds before hanging-up.

Councillor Frost asked if the volume of calls and number of inappropriate calls had reduced following the Chief Constable's message around 101. Additionally, he asked if the call-back system was now operational and if members of the public were contacting the Police via social media to help reduce demand on the 101 system.

The Commissioner replied that he was not aware of call volumes reducing. He confirmed that they continued to rise, which was a concern to him.

The Commissioner added that there was a responsibility for Councillors to highlight that the 101 non-emergency number was not a national system for reporting every issue, it was for reporting crime and anti-social behaviour.

The new functionalities of the call handling system were currently being tested.

Councillor Nevett commented that he had been informed by members of the public that they were often waiting over one hour for their call to be answered. He asked if these figures could be verified.

The Commissioner replied that the new call handling system allowed the Force to verify the exact length of time an individual had waited for their call to be answered.

The Commissioner suggested that it may be of interest to the Panel to receive call handling performance on a monthly basis or with updates at future Panel meetings.

On a separate issue, Councillor Sansome asked if the Commissioner was confident that the review of PCSOs would conclude on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

The Commissioner confirmed that the PCSOs review had been commissioned by the Chief Constable; he anticipated a number of options would be presented within the review and thus, there would be a period of negotiation undertaken in a sensitive way.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the update.

**12**     REVISION OF THE PCP'S COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

A report of the Panel's Legal Adviser was submitted to draw to the Panel's attention to amendments made to the Panel's Complaints Procedure which incorporates and reflects the Independent Office of Police Conduct's (IOPC's) guidance regarding how PCP's should handle complaints.

Members noted that the revised Procedure had been considered and approved by the Complaints Panel on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and was now submitted to the full Panel for final approval and adoption.

A Carter wished to thank officers for the comprehensive report presented at today's Panel meeting.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel noted, considered and approved adoption of the amended Complaints Procedure.

**13**     2019/20 POLICE & CRIME PANEL MEETING DATES

A report was submitted to set out a schedule of meeting dates for the Police and Crime Panel in 2019/20.

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

i)     Considered and approved the 2019/20 meeting dates set out below:-

Monday 3 June 2019 – Annual Meeting  
Monday 1 July 2019  
Monday 2 September 2019  
Monday 2 December 2019  
Monday 3 February 2020  
Monday 6 April 2020

All meetings will commence at 1:00 pm with a pre-meeting for Members at 12:30 pm and be held at the Town Hall, Church Street, Barnsley, S70 2TA, unless stated otherwise.

ii)    Agreed to hold additional / extraordinary meetings / training events as and when appropriate / necessary.

**14**     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.

Councillor Sansome commented that Rotherham MBC's Scrutiny Panel, operated a pre-decision scrutiny model which allowed Members to identify issues which required scrutinising alongside the annual plan. He asked if it would be appropriate for the Panel to adopt a similar model.

M Buttery explained that a number of decisions the Commissioner was asked to approve were in relation to a certain level of spend. Work was taking place with the Force to understand when capital programme spend or contracts would need to be approved by the Commissioner ahead, in order that these could be logged on the OPCC's Work Programme.

M Buttery added that it may be appropriate at a future date for the programme of forthcoming decision making to be presented at the Budget Working Group around financial spend, rather than the decisions requiring scrutiny, unless Panel Members felt otherwise. It was suggested that a discussion take place with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Panel's Support Officer to understand the requirements of the Panel around the pre-scrutiny of decisions.

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 a discussion would take place with the OPCC, Chair, Vice-Chair and the Panel's Support Officer to understand the requirements of the Panel around the pre-scrutiny of decisions.

## 15 LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT UPDATE - REVIEW & YEAR AHEAD

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.

Members were reminded that a session with Frontline Consulting would be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm at Barnsley Town Hall to focus on how the Panel could work together with the OPCC in the coming year to improve the Panel's scrutiny role and the Work Programme.

L Noble informed Members that following a review of the learning and development programme it was proposed that Members consider the cessation of the Development Discussion approach. This was a model used for the Fire and Rescue Authority, but had not proved as successful. Members of the Panel have the opportunity to attend various conferences to improve their knowledge around the role and responsibilities of Police and Crime Panels, as well as obtaining operational knowledge via attendance (observer) at Public Accountability Board meetings.

Members were advised that if they did wish to take advantage of any specific learning, or attendance at an event, this could be looked at on an individual basis utilising the Grant funding.

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

- i) Noted the update.
- ii) Considered and agreed the cessation of annual Development Discussions.
- iii) Provide suggestions for future learning and development.

16 WORK PROGRAMME

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.

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

17 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Annual Meeting of the Panel be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019, 1:00 pm in Meeting Room 14, Town Hall, Church Street, Barnsley.

Councillor Sansome informed Members that the four South Yorkshire District Council Leaders had made a decision in 2018 to rotate the Chairs of the Joint Authorities and Police and Crime Panel every two years. Sadly, today's meeting would be Councillor Khayum's last meeting as Chair of the Panel.

On behalf of the Panel and Commissioner, Councillor Sansome thanked Councillor Khayum for his leadership as Chair over the last two years and wished him well for the future.

Councillors Sansome and Khayum thanked L Noble for the support she had provided to them.

Councillor Khayum thanked the Panel for all their support.

CHAIR