



SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

14 DECEMBER 2020

MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY

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

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

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

Independent Co-opted Members: Mr A Carter and Professor A James

Dr A Billings (South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner)

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Cherryholme (Barnsley MBC)

1 **WELCOME BY CHAIR**

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

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was noted as above.

3 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Nevett welcomed Barnsley MBC's new Panel representative, Councillor Clive Pickering to his first full meeting of the Police and Crime Panel.

The Chair thanked Barnsley MBC's previous Panel representative, Councillor Kath Mitchell, for all her contributions to the Police and Crime Panel.

4 **URGENT ITEMS**

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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 POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2020

L Noble reported that, in relation to Minute 15, paragraph 5 'Home Office Grant – Police and Crime Panel', the Panel had been allocated a grant of £64,340 for 2020/21, and not £64,030 as stated in the minutes.

L Noble provided Members with an update on the Panel's Action Log.

The following updates were noted:-

Restorative Justice

The action was marked as 'live' pending the session on Restorative Justice, which had been arranged for Tuesday 15th December 2020.

The Panel agreed that the action be marked as 'discharged' and moved to the 'Closed Action Log'.

Cyber Crime

The Panel agreed that this item be referred to the Performance meetings for further discussion and marked as 'discharged' and moved to the 'Closed Action Log'.

Stop and Search

A copy of the Independent Ethics Panel's 5 year report had been circulated to Members. It was recommended that the action should remain 'live' until the Panel had had time to read and digest the documents.

The Panel agreed that the action be retained on the Action Log as 'live'.

Regional Collaboration

Members noted that an 'off camera' briefing on Collaboration would take place after Panel on 3rd February 2021.

The Panel agreed that the action be marked as 'discharged' and moved to the 'Closed Action Log'.

Update on South Yorkshire Local Criminal Justice Board

Members noted that an update South Yorkshire Local Criminal Justice Board was contained within Item 13 – 'PCC's Update'.

The Panel agreed that the action be marked as 'discharged' and moved to the 'Closed Action Log'.

Lead Member Role (E&I) & National Association etc.

Members noted that this item has been overtaken by events.

The Panel agreed that the action be marked as 'discharged' and moved to the 'Closed Action Log'.

Rules of Procedure

Members noted that, subject to agreement, the Panel's Rules of Procedure would be considered on today's agenda at item 15.

The Panel agreed that the action be marked as 'discharged' and moved to the 'Closed Action Log'.

Hate Crime

Members noted that a response was circulated on 23rd November 2020 to the questions raised.

The Panel agreed that the action be marked as 'discharged' and moved to the 'Closed Action Log'.

Referring to agenda item 9 (Monitoring Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan – Appendix A Quarterly Report – July to September), Professor James asked if separate tables showing the numbers of Stop and Searches and numbers of Stop and Searches broken down by ethnicity could be combined to enable Members to see the number of outcomes in relation to ethnicity.

K Wright acknowledged the request. He agreed to examine the Stop and Search data to ascertain if the numbers of Stop and Searches and numbers of Stop and Searches broken down by ethnicity could be combined and presented in future reports to the Panel.

RESOLVED –

- i) That, subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the Police and Crime Panel held on 7th September 2020 be agreed as a correct record.
- ii) Noted that K Wright had agreed to examine the Stop and Search data to ascertain if the numbers of Stop and Searches and numbers of Stop and Searches broken down by ethnicity could be combined and presented in future reports to the Panel.

9 MONITORING DELIVERY OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN - QUARTERLY REPORT (JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2020)

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was submitted to present the Quarterly Report for the period July – September 2020 (Quarter 2, 2020/21), produced from the 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.

The Commissioner and K Wright provided Members with a summary of the key headlines contained in the Quarterly Police and Crime Plan Performance Report attached at Appendix A to the report.

Councillor Short asked if the CSE Reporting Portal had now gone live and how many individuals had reported incidents directly to the Force via the Portal.

K Wright said that the CSE Reporting Portal had gone live during mid-November. Unfortunately, no data was currently available on its usage. However, this would be monitored by the OPCC in future months.

Councillor Short asked if an update could be provided periodically at future Panel meetings on the CSE Reporting Portal's usage and the engagement which had taken place with members of the public.

Councillor Sansome asked what measures were in place by the Force to control hate crimes and prosecute perpetrators during the current pandemic.

K Wright replied that Barnsley's District Commander Sarah Poolman was the Force's lead for hate crime. The Panel was provided with assurances that hate crime was taken very seriously by the Force. Individuals were reporting hate crimes to the Force, which was viewed as very positive. This allowed the Force to respond and deal with those crimes.

Furthermore, the Force had recently conducted a review of how hate crime was managed. As a result of that review and learning from how the Force deals with domestic abuse cases, the Force had focussed on ensuring that all hate crime victims are attended to, or dealt with by appointment, meaning that victims are seen within 24 hours.

The Commissioner added that, hate crimes were under-reported due to victims being reluctant to report to the Police. There were other agencies where victims could report hate crimes and the Force did encourage this.

The Commissioner said he was satisfied the Force had the correct Officer leading on hate crime and she was doing everything to ensure that officers know what they have to do and how to encourage victims to report hate crimes.

Referring to residential burglary, Professor James said that there was data to suggest the rates between Doncaster and Barnsley were very similar, and likewise, the rates between Rotherham and Sheffield. He asked if these were simply coincidences, or whether there were patterns of offending across the adjacent areas.

The Commissioner replied that, residential burglary was something which was giving him cause for concern. The levels of residential burglary in South Yorkshire were higher than anywhere else in the UK. This had prompted the Commissioner to ask the question why this should be. His further concern was that, the Force recognised, prioritised and took action regarding residential burglary.

The Commissioner said he was assured that the Force were taking action to address residential burglary across South Yorkshire and within each district based on priorities and hotspots in each area. Within the Barnsley District officers were producing an Action Plan to address residential burglary. Good practice and guidance pilots would filter across the whole Force.

Councillor Short asked if details could be provided on the results which had been obtained from the Multi Agency Child Exploitation meetings (MACE). Furthermore, he asked if South Yorkshire Police were talking to teachers and schools about the dangers of grooming. He also asked if, when schools closed for the Christmas holidays, were the Force planning to resume and re-engage in these areas.

The Commissioner replied that, MACE meetings were a route to identifying those children at risk. It was important that all partner agencies were able to share information so that no one falls through the gaps; which was the whole purpose of the multi-agency meetings. In relation to schools, the Commissioner said he was concerned about what may be happening due to Covid restrictions.

Councillor Nevett noted that the average call waiting times for 101 had started to increase as lockdown eases. He asked if call waiting times would be reduced further over the coming months when the new intake of staff at Atlas Court had been fully trained.

The Panel noted that the new intake of staff at Atlas Court had now commenced and were currently being mentored by experienced staff. It was anticipated that Members would start to see an improvement in the number of abandoned call rates and wait times reducing during the coming months as a direct result of there being more call handling staff available to receive calls.

Councillor Otten asked if there was a change in the way abandoned call rates were being measured.

K Wright responded that he not examined the average abandoned call rates. He added that, overall, people abandoning calls was reducing.

Professor James recalled that he had previously requested the median and mode of call wait times.

In relation to the reduction in abandoned calls, Professor James asked if this was in relation to Call-back Assist.

K Wright said that he was unaware if the performance data in relation to Call-back Assist was available. If an individual requested a call-back then they would not leave the call queue.

Councillor Grocutt asked how many individuals were now part of the Commissioner's Independent Custody Visiting Scheme. She also asked if Independent Custody Visitors were now visiting all of the Police Stations in South Yorkshire and, if so, how often. Furthermore, she asked if Independent Custody Visitors were assigned to particular Stations and if there were any concerns being received from the feedback provided by the Independent Custody Visitors which the Panel should be aware of.

S Parkin reported that the Commissioner had suspended the Independent Custody Visiting Scheme in March 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The scheme had re-commenced in June 2020 when the guidance provided more flexibility to run the Scheme. At this time there were only three Visitors available to carry out visits due to various factors.

Form June 2020 onwards, weekly visits had been undertaken at all three Custody Suites in South Yorkshire. Two new Independent Custody Visitors had been recruited and were now carrying out visits. The OPCC was currently awaiting Vetting on a further four new Independent Custody Visitors.

The Independent Custody Visitors were not currently being asked to examine custody records, but the OPCC's Evaluation and Scrutiny Officers were examining five custody records each week to undertake a dip-sample to ensure that this element of the ICV was being undertaken.

Councillor Garbutt asked if information on the ethnicity of the Independent Custody Visitors could be provided to Members.

In response, S Parkin said that, currently all of the Independent Custody Visitors were white British. One individual who was currently awaiting Vetting was a different ethnicity. Members were encouraged to refer any BME or other ethnicity groups to the Commissioner's website for further details on how to apply to become an Independent Custody Visitor.

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

10 QUARTER 2 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2020/21

A report of the Chief Finance Officer, OPCC was presented setting out the forecast financial position based on the period 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020.

The report provided Members with a consolidated position on the current budget and expenditure 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 overspend of £1.297m.

As at 30th September 2020, the projected year end outturn position was a £1.297m overspend on the Chief Constable's budget, net of external funding. Further details were presented in the Chief Constable's budget monitoring paper, attached at Appendix A to the report.

Based on information as at 30th September 2020, the PCC and OPCC budget forecast year end position was an underspend of £215k. The main reasons for the underspend and variances from the budget were presented within the report for Members' information.

As previously reported, the PCC had approved the revised capital programme on 5th August 2020. The approved programme was now standing at £14.34m in 2020/21, with the caveat that funding would be available should some ongoing approved schemes be delivered in 2020/21 ahead of anticipated completion dates.

Expenditure to date amounted to £3.1m, the current projection being £18.9m, generating a projected overspend £4.8m. As outlined in the PCC's decision paper, this would be subject to a further request for funding.

Paragraph 7 of the report set out a number of risks and uncertainties in the reported financial position in addition to Covid-19 expenditure.

Councillor Steinke asked the Commissioner if he could foresee any difficulties in spending the additional grants which had been received during the year, and if there would be any penalties for not utilising the grants.

S Abbott replied that the OPCC had received assurances from providers that they would be able to spend grants prior to the year-end.

The Commissioner added that he, and other PCC's, had made representations to the Home Office that, whilst they welcomed the grants, the timescales for spend were very short. The Commissioner paid tribute to the work undertaken by S Abbott, OPCC staff and to the voluntary sector for submitting bids within very short timescales.

Councillor Sansome asked if the Commissioner could provide clarity on Police Officer numbers following the recent Comprehensive Spending Review announcement.

The Commissioner replied that Government were still committed to recruiting an additional 20,000 extra Police officers. However, the share for South Yorkshire was not yet definitive.

The Commissioner added that, in South Yorkshire there had been a commitment back in 2018 to increase Police officer numbers by 220 by 2023/24.

In 2019/20, 50 officers had been recruited into the Force utilising its own resources. During the current financial year 2020/21, 73 officers would be recruited from its own local resources.

Utilising Government resources, 151 officers would be recruited in 2020/21. The Commissioner was currently assuming that a further 185 officers would be recruited in the final year making a total of 487 officers.

Councillor Otten asked for assurances that the Force's Capital Programme for 2020/21 would be delivered. Furthermore, he asked why the Vehicle Replacement Programme had been removed out of the Capital Programme.

The Commissioner said that he too shared Councillor Otten's concerns about the deliverability of the Force's Capital Programme. He provided the Panel with assurances that, during discussions with the Force, he repeatedly queried if the Capital Programme was deliverable.

It was confirmed that the Vehicle Replacement Programme itself had not been removed from the Capital Programme. The Vehicle write-offs element had been stripped out of the Capital Programme.

Professor James asked if the Commissioner had any comments to make in relation to the likely impact of the new Probation Services arrangements on commissioning and partnerships.

The Commissioner replied that he was currently in discussion with the Community Rehabilitation Companies and Probation Service in relation to co-commissioning.

Councillor Garbutt asked to what extent climate change was being considered when decisions are made with regards to revenue and capital spending.

In response, the Commissioner said that the Force did have a Sustainability Strategy covering vehicles, vehicles replacement, the future of the fleet and examining the implications of moving to an all-electric fleet. In every aspect, whether this be Force buildings or the fleet, the Sustainability Strategy in place would guide the decisions made. Furthermore, the Commissioner said that he anticipated the new Police Station being built in Doncaster would be state of the art in terms of its carbon footprint and sustainability.

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

11 EXTERNAL FUNDING REPORT 2020/21

A report of the Chief Finance Officer, OPCC was submitted to set out the external funding position for the OPCC based on the period of 1 April 2020 to 31 October 2020.

The report provided an update on external funding managed by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), such as Partnerships and Commissioning, and the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) over and above the original budget agreed for 2020/21.

Section 5 of the report provided Panel Members with details on further funding which had also been secured by the Partnership and Commissioning Team.

It was noted that the Partnership and Commissioning Team were currently preparing a needs assessment which would feed into the 2021/22 budget planning process.

Councillor Steinke asked if there had been any indication from the Home Office around any post-Covid emergency funding available for partner agencies.

S Abbott replied that, unfortunately, there had been no indications from the Home Office around additional grants which may be available in the future. Representations continued to be made to Ministers, the Home Office and Ministry of Justice by the Commissioner.

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

12 ATLAS COURT UPDATE

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was presented to provide Members of the Police and Crime Panel with an update on the Atlas Court review and progress made in terms of the Atlas workforce plan and uplift.

Members noted that the Commissioner was taking an overview on progress with the Atlas Court Review, as part of his holding to account arrangements.

Members were informed that a Review Board had been established which an officer from the OPCC attends. The Review Board reports into the Tactical Change Board, chaired by Jacqueline Bland and then into the Strategic Change Board, chaired by Chief Constable Watson.

The OPCC Head of Governance attends the Tactical Change Board and the Chief Executive attends the Strategic Change Board.

The Commissioner also receives progress updates at his Public Accountability Board.

Furthermore, an officer from the OPCC also attends the Atlas Court Quarterly Performance Review meetings and has access to high level Atlas Court management information including the number of calls received and the wait times.

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

13 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE (INCLUDING DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING)

The Police and Crime Commissioner's Chief Executive and Solicitor introduced a new reporting format presented to the Panel for the first time to provide Members with an update on key PCC and OPCC activities since 1st April 2020.

The report also provided Members with information on the decisions taken by the PCC since the last meeting on 7th September 2020.

Members noted that the report presented at today's meeting followed the headings of the OPCC Delivery Plan. Future PCC Update reports would focus on activity that had occurred since the last Panel meeting.

Professor James asked how much funding the Commissioner anticipated would be available to fund some of the important initiatives in relation to prevention resettlement and rehabilitation services. Furthermore, he asked if any services that are commissioned and funded would have evaluation systems built in.

M Buttery replied that the Commissioner was extremely interested in evidence based decision making and commissioning decisions. In terms of the budget which would be allocated to commissioning and co-commissioning opportunities, it was noted that this was currently being worked through now as part of discussions with the Planning and Efficiency Group, the Commissioner and with Force colleagues.

In relation to budget allocation, there remained a number of uncertainties around how much funding would be provided centrally and to the region. It was anticipated this would become clearer when the Chancellor made his announcement on or around 16th/17th December 2020.

Following a request from Professor James for further information on the OPCC's assessment tool. M Buttery explained that, an evolving assessment tool had been developed to assist the OPCC Senior Leadership Team in determining areas to be priorities for assurance, evaluation and scrutiny activity.

Following discussion, M Buttery agreed to provide Professor James with further information on the OPCC's arrangements and assessment tool.

Councillor Steinke commented that the new report format presented at today's meeting was excellent. He asked if future reports could contain an executive summary of the contents included within the report.

M Buttery acknowledged the request.

Councillor Steinke commented that he was anxious about the anticipated changes to probation services being delivered on time. He asked if a report could be provided to the Panel in relation to progress being made in meeting the deadline of June 2021.

Referring to victims, Councillor Steinke said he was encouraged to note there was a longer term commitment to focus on victims, but in the short term, due to the Coronavirus pandemic he was worried about victims being lost in the system.

M Buttery anticipated that she would be able to provide an update to the Panel on the Probation Services Reform once the Chancellor had made his announcement on or just after 16th December 2020, and following the January meetings of the Local Criminal Justice Board and Yorkshire and Humber Rehabilitation Partnership Board.

In relation to victims and the impact of the current situation, M Buttery said that deep dive assurance work was currently being undertaken. It was noted that Victim Support and other key agencies were involved in the work. A discussion would take place at the January meeting of the Local Criminal Justice Board on early findings.

Councillor Sansome asked if local districts could be flexible in their use of Restorative Justice.

M Buttery replied that a framework of contracts were in place for current providers of Restorative Justice. The Commissioner also had ongoing dialogue with Force colleagues in relation to responding to district needs.

It was noted that District Commanders were consulted every year with regards to the Commissioner's planning timetable and commissioned services. Furthermore, there were in-year discussions around the reallocation of in-year spend if there was an underspend or a higher priority to fund.

Councillor Nevett asked when the Magistrates' Courts and Crown Court's backlog of work was anticipated to return to normal.

The Commissioner replied that the backlog of work for both the Magistrates' Courts and Crown Court had improved and were beginning to return to normal. Nationally, the number of cases now was no greater than before the outbreak of the Coronavirus.

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 Professor James with information on the OPCC's arrangements and assessment tool.
- iii) Noted that future reports would contain an executive summary of the contents of the report.

- iv) Noted that an update report on Probation Services would be presented at a future Panel meeting.

14 COMPLAINT REVIEW UPDATE

A report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was submitted to update Members on the changes to the police complaints system and the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) within that.

Members were reminded that the Police Complaints System underwent a major overhaul during 2019/20, the first since the Police Reform Act was introduced in 2002. These reforms, under the Policing and Crime Act 2017, were designed to increase public confidence in policing and to make the whole process simpler to manage and administer. The new system was intended to be more customer focused.

The PCC had decided on 15 August 2019, not to extend his role beyond the minimum required by the new legislation.

Members noted that the regulations to the complaints and discipline system were laid in Parliament on 10th January 2020 and had come into force on 1st February 2020.

The PCC's role in relation to complaint handling from 1st February 2020 was set out in paragraph 6 of the report and noted by Members.

Members noted that, with the exception of the Chief Constable, the appropriate authority for handling all other complaints remained with the Chief Constable of the Force. The new legislation also made significant changes as to how the Force handles complaints, conduct matters and DSI matters.

The PCC had asked the Independent Ethics Panel (IEP) to provide both the Chief Constable and himself with assurances that legislation changes have been implemented and are working effectively. To help fulfil this role the IEP appointed one of its Members to link in with those responsible for complaint handling.

Members were informed that the PCC had received 58 requests for a complaint review between 1st February 2020 and 30th November 2020. 26 had been concluded, with a further 32 at various stages of consideration.

It was confirmed that most of the reviews had resulted in the PCC determining that the Force had acted in a reasonable and proportionate manner and no further action was appropriate. Some reviews had led to the provision of more information to the complainant to help them understand the decision reached by the Force. One review led to the PCC directing the Force to make further contact with the complainant to address their issues.

Assurances were provided that monitoring arrangements were in place to oversee the efficiency and effectiveness of the OPCC in gathering the information required to inform the PCC's decision-making.

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

15 AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF PROCEDURE

A report of the Panel's Legal Adviser was submitted reminding Members that, at the last Police and Crime Panel meeting, Members remained concerned at the wording of the amendments to the Rules of Procedure and, in particular, concerns were expressed about whether the drafting limited the Panel's powers of appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair .

The amended Rules of Procedure provided at Appendix A to the report setting out the changes, which limited the period of appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair and amendments to reflect the appointment of and delegation powers of the Monitoring Officer previously approved on 20th July 2020.

A recorded vote was taken and recorded as follows:-

For approving the amendments to the Rules of Procedure (10) Councillors Garbutt, Grocutt, Nevett, Otten, Pickering, Sansome, Short, Steinke, Wilkinson and Mr Carter. Against the amendment (0) and abstained (1) Professor James.

The amendments to the Rules of Procedure were approved.

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

- i) Considered and approved the amendments to the Rules of Procedure.
- ii) Agreed to publish the amended Rules of Procedure on the Panel's website.

16 CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER APPOINTMENT - CONFIRMATION HEARING

A report of the Monitoring Officer to the Panel was presented setting out details of the Confirmation Hearing process for the appointment of the Chief Finance Officer within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) held on Tuesday 10th November 2020

The Panel unanimously agreed to recommend the appointment of Sophie Abbott as Chief Finance Officer, and this was communicated (in writing) to the Police and Crime Commissioner on the 10th November 2020.

The minutes of the Confirmation Hearing held on 10th November 2020 were presented at Appendix A of the report for approval.

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

- i) Noted the confirmation of Sophie Abbott to the role of Chief Finance Officer within the OPCC.

- ii) Agreed that the minutes of the Confirmation Hearing held on 10th November 2020 were a correct record.

17 LEARNING AND 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.

A summary of the events which had taken place since the last meeting were set out within the report for Members' information.

It was noted that the session with the four District Community Safety Partnerships had been well received and feedback from both Panel Members, and from Community Safety Partnership representatives, had been extremely positive with a willingness to repeat the sessions at least annually.

A Carter said he remained concerned about the level of Elected Member representation from Sheffield City Council at meetings of the Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership Board.

Councillor Steinke replied that the absence of political representation had been raised directly with the Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership Board.

Panel Members who had attended the virtual Annual Police, Fire and Crime Panels conference held over 23rd-25th November 2020 provided feedback on their experience of attending a virtual conference.

Members were reminded that a virtual Restorative Justice Session with REMEDI and officers from the OPCC would be held on Tuesday 15th December 2020.

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

- i) Noted the update.
- ii) Agreed to provide suggestions for future learning and development.

18 WORK PROGRAMME / PAB DATES

Members considered the 2021 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 were currently being held virtually and Members could obtain details to 'dial in' to the meeting. Any questions from Panel Members could be

submitted to the Panel's Support officer who would forward these to the Commissioner. Members were asked to submit any questions with five clear working days' notice prior to the PAB meeting.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel noted the contents of the 2021 Work Programme.

19 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Councillor Nevett thanked Members and officers for their contributions at Panel meetings throughout the year and took the opportunity to wish everyone Season's Greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel be held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 10:00 am and Members will be notified of the arrangements for this meeting nearer the time.

CHAIR