



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SHADOW CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND
PETERBOROUGH POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
HELD AT HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ON 18 JULY 2013**

Members Present: Councillors Bick, Bullen, Curtis, Elsey, McGuire, Shellens, Todd and Christine Graham.

Officers Present:

Alex Daynes	Peterborough City Council
Gary Goose	Peterborough City Council
Liz Bisset	Cambridge City Council

Others Present:

Sir Graham Bright	Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Brian Ashton	Deputy Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Cristina Strood	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

1. Apologies for Absence

Received from Councillor Ablewhite, Councillor Bick, Councillor Khan, Councillor Palmer, Councillor Walsh and Raja Ali.

2. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

3. Minutes of the meeting held 12 June 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2013 were agreed as an accurate record and the action points were noted. Confirmation was given that there would be no 'any other business' item on the agenda as the business of the meeting must be advertised five clear days in advance of the meeting.

4. Public Questions

No questions had been submitted.

5. Police and Crime Plan Update

The Panel received a report to review the draft variation to the Police and Crime Plan and make a report or recommendations on the draft variation to the Commissioner.

The main change to the Plan was to reflect recent developments on collaboration with neighbouring forces for the delivery of some services.

In response to questions from the Panel the Commissioner advised the following:

- A three force collaboration was currently being focused on for Joint Protective Services and Professional Standards;
- Options were still available for individual forces to arrange back-office functions independently;
- Collaboration was being considered rather than a merger comprising different areas.

The Panel noted their agreement of the report and were happy to endorse it.

6. Annual Report 2012/13

The Panel received a report to enable it to review the annual report issued by the Police and Crime Commissioner under Section 12 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Responses by the Commissioner and his Deputy to questions from the Panel included:

- The main urban areas that the force area covered did have a higher crime rate than the rural areas and there were different challenges in each one;
- Tackling quick rises, or spikes, in crime was an operational matter. Some of these could be caused by offenders from outside the area or new people moving in;
- Officers did move around the county depending on demand and more officers and resources were put in to manage certain situations;
- Local officers maintain a knowledge of a specific area but they could be used elsewhere if required;
- There is scope to publicise good news more effectively;
- Clear up rates and support for victims did need to be improved;
- Response times for the 101 telephone service was good but delays sometimes occurred when transferring calls to other departments;
- Work was being undertaken to tackle reoffending rates, especially with young offenders;
- E-CINS and other technology was being introduced to assist with information sharing and provision;
- Speeding by vehicles was perceived by many residents as an important issue;
- Visible presence such as Speedwatch was useful;
- The Pledges in the Police and Crime Plan were there following liaison with the public police; and
- Work was being undertaken on restorative justice schemes.

The Panel reviewed the Annual Report, had no further suggestions for the Commissioner and was content with the report.

7. Performance Framework

The Panel received a report so it could review the performance framework of the Police and Crime Plan 2013-16.

Responses by the Commissioner and his Deputy to questions from the Panel included:

- There was work being undertaken with Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) through attendance at meetings and star chambers; and
- Education and awareness work along with new technologies could continue to improve the performance around deaths on roads.

The Panel reviewed the performance framework and had no further comment to make.

8. Decisions by the Commissioner

The Panel received a report summarising decisions taken by the Commissioner since the previous meeting. There were no questions raised by Panel members on the report.

9. Agenda Plan

The Panel received the agenda plan including dates and times for meetings.

ACTIONS:

1. An update on Restorative Justice work to be provided to members either within or outside the meeting;
2. Include an update on the Outreach workers programme at the next meeting.

The meeting began at 2.00pm and ended at 3.30pm

CHAIRMAN

ACTIONS

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	ACTION	UPDATE
18 July 2013	Agenda Plan	Provide an update on work around Restorative Justice to Panel Members – officers to determine delivery.	
	Agenda Plan	Include an update on the Outreach Workers Programme at the next meeting.	