



CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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To agree the dates and work programme for the year.

Membership:

Councillors: M McGuire, J D Ablewhite, M Curtis, G Elsey, N Khan, J Palmer, B Shelton, T Bick, P Bullen, M Shellens and I Walsh

Independent Co-optees:

Christine Graham
Raja Ali

Officer Support:

Gary Goose and Mike Davey



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SHADOW CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH POLICE AND CRIME PANEL HELD AT HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL ON 21 MARCH 2013

Members Present: Councillors Ablewhite, Bick, Curtis, Elsey, Khan, McGuire, Palmer Shelton, Walsh, West and Wilkins, Christine Graham and Raja Ali

Officers Present:

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

Others Present:

Sir Graham Bright	Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Brian Ashton	Deputy Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Dorothy Gregson	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
John Hummersone	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

1. Apologies for Absence

None were received.

2. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

3. Minutes of the meeting held 7 February 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2013 were agreed as an accurate record and the action points were noted.

4. Cost of Officer Support 2012/13 and 2013/14

The Panel received a report that provided details about the budget available to support Cambridgeshire's Police and Crime Panel, including the expenses and allowances of Panel Members. The Panel was advised that no additional costs were expected outside the allocated budget in order to continue its support.

Thanks were given to the support officers for the panel for their work to date.

Following consideration of the report, the Panel:

1. Noted the financial position for 2012/13; and
2. Approved the support budget for 2013/14.

5. Draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-16

The Panel received the Commissioner's draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-16 for review in accordance with its statutory duties. The Commissioner introduced the report highlighting that the previously drafted Local Police Plan from the Police Authority was found to be largely acceptable and had therefore been updated and refreshed to form the Plan now submitted to the Panel for review.

Comments from the Panel included:

- Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) should not be pulled across the county in times of high demand;
- The Commissioner should not look to address all issues requested by the public as some may not be relevant;
- More action needed to tackle illegal drivers; new enforcement cameras and higher prosecution rates would be welcome;
- Need to see what measurements will be used to assess the success of the plan, e.g. what measurement for extremism;
- Public perception was that the number of PCSOs was being reduced even though they were needed;
- Burglary from dwellings should be a priority in the plan;
- Little time to prepare the document so need to revisit most objectives and their definitions; more clarity was needed;
- Need to define the role of Community Safety Partnerships and what value they bring;
- Need to tackle drug dealers not just drug use;
- Little mention of tackling arson in the Plan;
- Issues concerning Gypsy and Traveller communities not mentioned such as 'no go' areas for the Police;
- Must increase numbers of frontline, visible Police Officers;
- Cannot just rely on the internet to advise on the Commissioner's surgery dates;
- Anti social parking, although a minority of offences, was a large concern for many people;
- Need to outline support for witnesses to crime;

The Commissioner's and Deputy Commissioner's responses to questions and comments included:

- The review of PCSOs would look at their deployment and best use across the force area. The numbers of Special Constables continued to increase;
- The series of additional Police and Crime Commissioner pledges within the Plan were driven by public concerns and perceptions.
- The objectives in the Plan include a section on vulnerable groups but do not include a separate section for the elderly as many crimes cross age groups, this could be reviewed;
- In order to tackle drivers with no tax or insurance greater use of automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras would be used in conjunction with an increase in information and communication technologies (ICT) for officers such as handheld vehicle authentication devices;
- Overseas registered vehicle offences were being addressed through the DVLA;
- A task force comprising several neighbouring forces was established along with new laws to address metal theft and incidents had fallen recently (from 2311 in 2011-12 to 801 in 2012-13);
- Monitoring of the Plan was being undertaken and success would be communicated;
- Before another Outreach worker was employed for the south of the force area, the effectiveness of the initial post, in the Peterborough and Fenland areas, must be

ensured; future outreach workers could include the 'middle' of the county too, not just north and south areas;

- Burglaries were expected to receive attendance from a Police Officer on the day of the incident which should help to alleviate the trauma for the victims but also speed up investigations and any prosecutions;
- Greater public engagement was required from the police service to improve relationships with the public;
- The role and ambition of the Community Safety Partnerships would be discussed at a seminar in May;
- Joined up partnership working was considered crucial to the success of tackling crime across the area including the NHS for mental health issues;
- Accident and Emergency data could be added to assess performance and improvements relating to the pledges in the Plan;
- Operations were being coordinated to tackle drug dealers, both large and small scale;
- Do need appropriate sentencing and punishment for offenders but this could include restorative justice, especially for young offenders;
- Methods to tackle arson in Peterborough were being addressed through the Safer Peterborough Partnership for that area;
- Will not accept the conception of 'no go areas' for the Police;
- Need more public involvement in police and crime issues generally, but not for the public or voluntary sector to pick up policing responsibilities;
- Increase in ICT provision should free up more officer time from desk duties – more boots on the pavement;
- Will look to increase officer numbers on the street;
- Must be more proactive to ensure young offenders don't reoffend;
- Support would be given to groups working to tackle drug use;
- A team was already established to tackle domestic abuse including raising awareness and knowledge;
- Regular surgeries were already held with the public and were well attended; could look to promote this more and not just electronically;
- Could also include parking as a priority to reflect that this was a serious concern in some areas;
- Provision for witnesses of crime could be covered in an additional report

Following consideration and review the Panel **AGREED** to endorse the Plan subject to prior circulation to panel members of the report that would be sent to the Commissioner.

ACTIONS:

1. Circulate report to Panel for comment ahead of submission to Commissioner.

6. Decisions by the Commissioner

The Panel received a report enabling it to review or scrutinise the decisions taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner under Section 28 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Following a query from the Panel, the Commissioner advised that alternatives to the G4S contract could be presented in due course once further work had been undertaken.

No further scrutiny was requested by the Panel.

7. Agenda Plan

The Panel received the agenda plan for future meetings including provisional dates for the year to March 2014.

ACTIONS:

1. Receive an update on the Police and Crime Plan at the July meeting;

The meeting began at 2.00pm and ended at 3.55pm

CHAIRMAN

ACTIONS

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	ACTION	UPDATE
7 FEBRUARY 2013	4. Draft Police and Crime Plan	Circulate report to Panel Members for comment and Commissioner ahead of submission.	Completed
	7. Agenda Plan	Add Police and Crime Plan update to July agenda	Completed

CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL	Agenda Item No. 6
12 June 2013	Public Report

Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner

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DECISIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report is being presented to the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel to enable it to review or scrutinise decisions taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner under Section 28 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Panel is recommended to indicate whether it would wish to further review and scrutinise the decisions taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner. In these circumstances further information would be provided for a future meeting.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 3.1 Item 6, To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the Police and Crime Commissioner in connection with the discharge of the commissioner's functions.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 This report is presented to enable the Panel to carry out its functions as noted in paragraph 3. The Panel is required to review or scrutinise decisions made, it is also required to support the effective exercise of the functions of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 The following decisions taken by the Commissioner have been notified to the Panel:

[20 March 2013](#) – To approve the signature of three Section 22A Agreements to create three further collaborated units across Beds, Cambs and Herts which will undertake the principal functions of an Operational Planning and Support Unit, Dog Unit and Roads Policing Unit.

[8 April 2013](#) – To extend Chief Constable Simon Parr's contract until December 31, 2016.

[8 April 2013](#) – To issue the [Police and Crime Plan](#)

[25 April 2013](#) – To approve the signature of one Section 22A Agreement to create a further collaborated function across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire which will undertake the principle functions of Cameras, Tickets and Collisions (CTC).

[1 May 2013](#) – To approve the [Treasury Management Strategy 2013/14](#) (including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy).

[22 May 2013](#) – To approve the renewal of the lease of Building 252 Alconbury Airfield for continued use by the Dog Section.

[22 May 2013](#) – To approve the lease of part of St Ives Police Station to Cambridgeshire County Council.

5.2 If the Panel wishes to scrutinise these decisions, further details can be provided for the next meeting.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Subject to the Panel's need for further information or scrutiny on any of the decisions above, it may be required that further information is submitted to a future meeting of the Panel.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 The Commissioner has made appropriate arrangements for obtaining the views of the people in Cambridgeshire, the Chief Constable, responsible authorities and other relevant parties in taking the decisions outlined above.

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 The Panel members may request further information about the decisions detailed above.

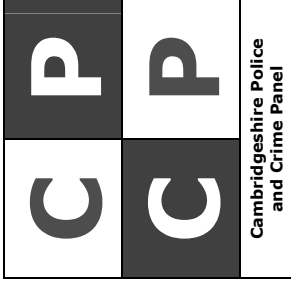
8.2 Future decisions taken by the Commissioner will continued to be notified to the Panel.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
9.1 Decisions notices and background papers detailed at 5.1.

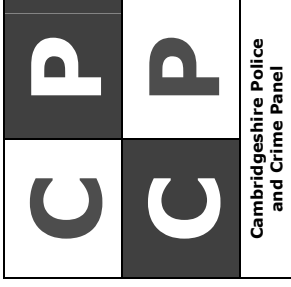
10. APPENDICES

10.1 None.



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
AGENDA PLAN**

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Wednesday 12 June 2013, 2pm ANNUAL MEETING, Civic Suite 1a	Election of Chairman Election of Vice Chairman Confirm meeting dates and work programme Decisions by the Commissioner	Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
Thursday 18 July 2013 Civic Suite 1a 2pm	Decisions by the Commissioner Police and Crime Plane – update Annual Report Review Complaints	Police and Crime Commissioner's Office Police and Crime Commissioner's Office Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
Wednesday 6 November 2013 Civic Suite 1a 2pm	Decisions by the Commissioner Review Complaints	Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
Wednesday 5 February 2014	Decisions by the Commissioner	Police and Crime



DATE OF MEETING	TITLE/ PURPOSE	OFFICER
Civic Suite 1a 2pm	Review Complaints	Commissioner's Office
	Scrutiny of the Budget	Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
Wednesday 19 March 2014 Civic Suite 1a 2pm	Decisions by the Commissioner Review Complaints Scrutiny of the Police and Crime Plan	Police and Crime Commissioner's Office Police and Crime Commissioner's Office Police and Crime Commissioner's Office