



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
HELD AT HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ON 15 MARCH 2017**

Members Present: Edward Leigh (Vice Chairman), Councillors D Baigent, R Bisby, D Giles, A Dickinson (Substitute), M Shellens, D Oliver and Claire George (Independent)

Officers Present: Jane Webb Secretariat, Peterborough City Council

Others Present: Jason Ablewhite Cambridgeshire Police and Crime
Commissioner
Dr Dorothy Gregson Chief Executive, Office of the Police and
Crime Commissioner
Matthew Warren Interim Chief Finance Officer – Fire Authority

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Shelton, Howe, Connor, Murphy and Sandford. Councillor Dickinson was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Howe.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes of the meetings held on 1 February 2017.

The minutes of the Panel meeting held on 1 February 2017 were agreed as an accurate record.

1. Public Questions/Statements

No public questions or statements were received.

2. Review of Complaints

The Panel received a report which stated that no complaints had been made against the Police and Crime Commissioner since the Panel met on 1 February 2017.

ACTION

The Panel **AGREED** to note the report and that no complaints had been received against the Police and Crime Commissioner or his Deputy since the last report received.

3. **Police and Crime Plan Variation – Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 to 2020/21.**

The Panel noted the amendments to the Plan, which were considered non-substantial.

Responses by the Commissioner to general questions and comments from the Panel with regard to the Plan included:

- The issue of inflation forecast had been raised at the previous meeting but this should have included earnings inflation which was currently at 2.6% with the forecast that police pay would increase by 1% and the fact that this could raise tension in the future. The Commissioner stated that the Chief Finance Officer had made it clear at the previous meeting that there was great prudence in how the budget was run and every element of financial inflation had been looked at therefore the forecast erred on the side of caution.
- Data regarding Reoffending would be available from the middle of June.

ACTION

In accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and following consideration of the information submitted to it. Having noted that there were no changes within the variation to the Police and Crime Plan the Panel's **AGREEMENT** to **ENDORSE** the variation of Appendix (Finances) of the Police and Crime Plan remained in place.

Reasons for the decision

The Panel noted that the variation to the Plan did not contain any material changes and was therefore acceptable and necessary for the continued provision of efficient and effective policing across the area covered by Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

4. **Police and Crime Commissioner's Strategic Estates Update**

The Panel received a report which outlined the Police and Crime Commissioner's strategic direction regarding the Estates owned, leased or occupied on behalf of Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

The Panel stated the paper did not provide the level of detail the Panel required. The Panel agreed they wished to see a list that showed the following:

- Name
- Location
- Size
- Current Use
- Site Value
- Current thinking around the property
 - Likely to be sold, if so – when
 - If not sold, would it be leased

This level of detail would provide the Panel with an indication of what was likely to happen to each significant piece of estate.

Responses by the Commissioner to questions and comments from the Panel included:

- The Commissioner explained that the Estates Sub-Group would give a higher level of detail; the report showed a strategic direction.
- The value of each asset was not yet available as these were currently being worked through. The Panel suggested that further sensitive details could be brought to the Panel under a future exempt/confidential report.
- The Commissioner explained the custody need for the southern end of the county was currently being looked into and suggested that a paper be brought to the Panel covering this issue; likely to be September.
- All opportunities would be looked at, which included both Fire and Ambulance Services, as there was a duty to collaborate and reduce central costs for all services.
- Plans for Cambridge were still being looked into as to what the city requires.

ACTION

Following discussions the Panel **AGREED** to note the report and to request a more detailed report that contained in a tabled format, with the following headings: location, current use, facilities available, issues identified, status, options under current consideration and timescales be brought to the June meeting.

5. Decisions By the Commissioner

The Panel received a report 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. The Panel was recommended to indicate whether it would wish to further review and scrutinise the decisions taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner taken since the previous Panel meeting.

ACTION

The Panel noted the report and decisions that had been made by the Commissioner.

At this point the Police and Crime Commissioner and officers left the meeting.

6. Proposal to Join the Eastern Region Police and Crime Panel Network

The Panel received a report to consider joining the Eastern Region Police and Crime Panel Network.

ACTION

The Panel **AGREED** for the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel to join the Eastern Region Police and Crime Panel Network at the cost of £500 per year which should be reviewed by the Panel on a yearly basis

7. Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel – Administrative Costs and Member Expenses

The Panel received a report which provided the Panel with details about the budget claimed to support the Police and Crime Panel including the expenses and allowances of Panel Members.

As there were no questions or comments the Panel **AGREED** to note the report.

8. Update from the Secretary of State – Third Independent Co-opted Member

The Panel received an update on the response received from the Secretary of State with regard to the request for the co-option of a third Independent Co-opted Member to serve on the Panel.

The Panel were informed that the Chairman's view was that the Panel should postpone making this decision until it was known what the Panel composition should be after the collaboration of both the Police and Fire Services. The Panel discussed and agreed to increase the Panel's skill set and that a third, already identified, independent co-opted member should be co-opted onto the Panel.

ACTION

The Panel **AGREED** that the identified candidate should be appointed to the Panel on receipt of approval from the Secretary of State.

(It was noted that the Claire George abstained from the vote due to the fact that she was appointed from the same recruitment process as the identified extra independent co-opted member.)

(It was noted that the Vice-Chairman abstained from the vote.)

9. Meeting Dates and Agenda Plan 2017-2018

The Vice-Chairman circulated a list of suggested bullet points for discussion regarding possible agenda items for the work programme/future meetings. These included performance metrics, possible briefings/agenda items. The following were included for the June and September meetings with a list of possible topics for future meetings.

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

June 2017

- Review of PCC's Annual Report
- Response to Panel's request for detailed performance metrics
- Update on Estates report – providing itemised details
- Review of Complaints Procedure (against Commissioner and against Panel)

September 2017

- Detailed report on Estates Strategy
- Report on how Commissioner is increasing public involvement, joining up service provision
- Budget Update/Forecast

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Possible Topics for Future Reports

- Reducing re-offending
- Estate Disposal: review business cases
- Custody Strategy
- Mental Health Demand
- Out of Court Disposals (in particular conditional cautions)
- Use of surveillance: ANPR, drones, body cams etc
- Use of Tasers
- Collaboration: review business cases
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Modern Slavery Act
- Youth Fund

- Migrant Workers
- Proceeds of Crime – How spent?
- Building Community relations
- Cyber-enabled crime

The meeting began at 2.00pm and ended at 4.05pm

CHAIRPERSON