



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel
HELD AT
ON 25 September 2024**

Members Present: Claire George (Chair), Anna Bradnam, Marge Beuttell, Cameron Holloway, Helene Leeming and Julie Kerr.

Officers Present: Neil McArthur (Monitoring Officer PCC) and Philippa Rose (Senior Democratic Services Officer (PCP))

Others: Darryl Preston (Police and Crime Commissioner), Jack Hudson (Interim Chief Executive OPCC), Cristina Turner (Director of Strategic Partnerships OPCC), Catherine Kimberley (Head of Communications & Engagement OPCC)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors; John Gowing and Christine Wheelan.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting held 31 July 2024 and the minutes of the confirmation hearing held on 15 August 2024 were agreed.

4. Police and Crime Plan 2024/28 - Public Consultation

The report discussed the Police and Crime Commissioner's public consultation for a new Police and Crime Plan from July 15 to August 16, 2024.

The survey's key priorities included early intervention, tackling crime, supporting victims, and building trust.

The survey was promoted through press releases, social media, targeted mailings, newsletters, and shared with various stakeholders including MPs and local councils.

Victims of crime were also surveyed about their experiences.

Concerns were raised about low response rates, and the Commissioner urged Members to help further promote future surveys.

RESOLVED:

The Panel, having reviewed the action taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner, support the Commissioner in the work and will raise awareness of opportunities to engage with their constituents.

5. Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour - Supporting Community Safety Partnerships in Problem Solving Local Issues

The Commissioner confirmed that each district and city council area had a Community Safety Partnership.

To address the varying results of these partnerships, the Commissioner proposed redefining their roles and delivery methods. Each partnership area would receive a 'problem-solving' officer to assist with daily community issues. Additionally, occasional collaboration across areas would address boundary issues more efficiently. There would also be a substantial community fund available for bidding.

The Panel thanked the OPCC for the report and the Commissioner's ongoing support for the partnerships.

Short-term funding was a significant concern. The Commissioner stated that three-year funding was the best available.

Designated teams and a victim's hub were commissioned to support abuse survivors.

RESOLVED: The Panel supports the Commissioner in this work.

6. Forward Plan

The OPCC will determine the most suitable method to present a briefing report to the Panel concerning the Early Release Scheme and the subsequent Probation Scheme.

Reports pertaining to the Delivery Plan and the Commissioners' strategy for communication and engagement will be incorporated into the work programme in March.

CHAIRMAN
1.30 - 2.40 pm