



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
HELD AT HUNTINGDON DISTRICT COUNCIL
ON 30 JANUARY 2019**

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| Members Present: | D Oliver (Vice-Chairperson), Councillors D Connor, N Massey, M Shellens, S Tierney, C Hogg, R Brown, C Daunton, H Masson, A Sharp, E Murphy and Claire George (Independent) | |
| Officers Present: | Jane Webb Fiona McMillan | Secretariat, Peterborough City Council Monitoring Officer, Peterborough City Council |
| Others Present: | Jason Ablewhite Nick Dean Dr Dorothy Gregson Matthew Warren Niki Howard | Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner Chief Constable, Cambridgeshire Constabulary Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Acting Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Chief Finance Officer, Cambridgeshire Constabulary |

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Edward Leigh and Councillor Ansar Ali. Councillor Murphy was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Ali.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of the Confirmation Hearing held on 12 September and the Panel meeting held on 14 November 2018.

The minutes of the Confirmation hearing held on 12 September 2018 were agreed as an accurate record.

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Fire Governance – The Commissioner stated this was still ongoing between the Fire Authority and the Secretary of State but it was hoped this would be concluded before the end of April.

4. Public Questions/Statements

No public questions or statements were received.

5. Review of Complaints

None had been received.

6. Precept Report 2019/20

The Panel received a report to notify them of the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner's (the "Commissioner") proposed budget and precept for 2019/20 to enable them to review the proposed precept.

The Commissioner thanked those Members of the Panel that had attended the recent budget briefing held at the OPCC and presented the report to the Panel with Matthew Warren, Interim Chief Finance Officer of the OPCC.

The Panel made comment, asked questions and received responses from the Commissioner with regard to the Report, these included:

- a) The Commissioner explained that the most responses had been received from Huntingdon, not because there had been a specific push in that area, but because it was the largest area.
- b) The Panel welcomed the additional officers into neighbourhood policing, if the precept went through but asked if the position of deputy Commissioner would be reviewed within the budget. The Commissioner explained he could not carry out his job on his own and that the role of the deputy was a very effective one, bringing in external funding and representing the Commissioner in his absence.
- c) Panel Members discussed the proposed precept and considered dedicated neighbourhood policing teams and policing on the streets visible to the public was a great starting point, especially with the long term benefit these would also bring.
- d) The Chief Constable explained that communities and parish councils were currently responding in helping build up community resilience within neighbourhood policing; these included the new communities (Trumpington Meadows). Within these new communities, Police Officers have been linked with the schools and communities and have the opportunity to work within the school buildings further community resilience.
- e) Members asked if any of the extra 50 officers would go towards rural crime prevention to which the Commissioner stated this issue had actually decreased over the last year but would be reviewed by the Chief Constable. The Chief Constable explained officers would be placed based upon demand and risk and some would go into rural communities but Fenland were currently well served and had seen an 8.5% crime reduction.
- f) Members asked if there was an update on Parkside as to whether new accommodation had yet been found to which the Commissioner stated this was ongoing but would be announced by the end of next week.

ACTION

Following discussions the Panel **AGREED** to:

- **ENDORSE** the precept as proposed by the Commissioner
- **NOTE** the Commissioner's Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)

- **NOTE** the consequential variation to the Plan will be finalised after the decision on the precept and will be submitted to the Panel meeting on 13 March 2019.

Reasons for the decision

The Panel considered that the proposed precept was acceptable and necessary for the continued provision of effective and efficient policing across the area covered by Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

7. Monitoring the Delivery of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan

The Panel received a report to enable them to review the progress made against the key activities identified in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan.

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

- a) Members asked with the change in the future reporting of delivery against the Police and Crime Plan would the Panel still receive the RAG rated report to which the Commissioner responded stating the Panel would receive more information than previously received.
- b) Members asked if the Panel could receive a detailed report on County Lines to which the Commissioner stated that this could certainly be brought to a future meeting and include drugs, alcohol and criminal exploitation.
- c) The Commissioner stated that via Community Engagements he had carried out, the public had fed back that 96% felt very safe in the place they lived but wanted to see more police working on the streets.
- d) Members were concerned about the begging that was taking place in the area to which the Commissioner stated that aggressive begging was illegal and further powers could be used; he asked for any information regarding this issue to be forwarded to the police.

ACTION

Following discussions the Panel **AGREED** to note the report.

The Police and Crime Panel also made the following recommendation for the Commissioner:

- A deep dive report on County Lines/Drugs & Alcohol to be brought to the panel at a future meeting

8. 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.

9. Meeting Dates and Agenda Plan 2018-2019

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

| ITEM | ACTION |
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| Review of Complaints | Following discussions the Panel AGREED to note the report. |
| Precept Report 2019/20 | Following discussions the Panel AGREED to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENDORSE the precept as proposed by the Commissioner • NOTE the Commissioner's Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) • NOTE the consequential variation to the Plan will be finalised after the decision on the precept and will be submitted to the Panel meeting on 13 March 2019. |
| Monitoring the Delivery of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan | Following discussions the Panel AGREED to note the report. The Police and Crime Panel also made the following recommendation for the Commissioner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A deep dive report on County Lines/Drugs & Alcohol to be brought to the panel at a future meeting |
| Complaints Reform – Police and Crime Commissioner's Role | Following discussions the Panel AGREED to note the report. |
| Decisions By the Commissioner | The Panel AGREED to note the report and decisions that had been made by the Commissioner. |
| Meeting Dates and Agenda Plan 2019-2020 | The Panel NOTED the forthcoming meeting dates. |

CHAIRPERSON
The meeting ended at 3:50pm