



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
HELD AT HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ON 6 FEBRUARY 2020**

Members Present:	Edward Leigh (Chairperson), Councillors A Sharp, N Massey, S Wallwork, S Bywater, S Warren, C Daunton, D Giles, D Connor, C Wiggin, E Murphy and Claire George.	
Officers Present:	Jane Webb Fiona McMillan	Secretariat, Peterborough City Council Monitoring Officer, Peterborough City Council
Others Present:	Ray Bisby Dr Dorothy Gregson Jon Lee Jo Conlon Nick Dean	Acting Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Director of Finance, Cambridgeshire Constabulary Head of Finance, Cambridgeshire Constabulary Chief Constable, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

28. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tierney, Ali and Shellens.
Councillor Murphy was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Ali.
Councillor Connor was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Tierney.

29. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Derek Giles and Simon Bywater declared an interest by way of being members of the Fire Authority.
Councillor Chris Wiggin declared an interest by way of his step-mother being an employee of the Fire Service.

30. Minutes of the meetings held on 9 October 2020.

The minutes of the Panel meeting held on 9 October 2019 were agreed as an accurate record.

31. Public Questions/Statements

No public questions or statements were received.

32. Review of Complaints

The Panel received a report to update them on complaints received against both the previous Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite, and the Acting Commissioner, Ray Bisby.

The Monitoring Officer, Fiona McMillan, added to 5.2 of the report and stated that on the request of the IOPC, the OPCC made a further referral to the IOPC relating to an issue which arose during the investigation of the initial complaint. So the IOPC are now running one investigation with two elements.

The Chairman read a short statement which he hoped reflected the views of the Panel; "The Panel has a statutory duty to scrutinise the Commissioner's strategy, delivery and any complaints made against him or her. It is not the Panel's duty nor in its power to investigate the complaints made against the ex-commissioner, Jason Ablewhite, which are currently being reviewed by the Independent Office of Police Conduct. We are not at liberty to discuss the contents of the complaints until the IOPC investigations have concluded. Nevertheless, the existence of these complaints puts the spotlight on how the Commissioner's conduct is scrutinised. At present the Panel's scrutiny of the Commissioner's conduct is reactive, insofar as we must consider and respond to formal complaints made against him or her. I ask for the Panel's support in continuing the dialogue with the Chief Executive of the Commissioner's Office of the PCC who is also the Monitoring Office and the Panel's own Monitoring Officer to explore practical ways in which the Panel can more proactively fulfil its duty to scrutinise the conduct of the Commissioner."

The Acting Commissioner was asked if he was satisfied that the support system for victim care was robust to which he confirmed he was.

The Panel **AGREED** to:

- Support the continued dialogue between the OPCC and the Panel chair regarding its duty to scrutinise the conduct of the Commissioner.
- Review the Rules of Procedures and the Complaints Procedure at the July meeting.
- The newly elected Commissioner should sign a Code of Conduct, in line with the ones adopted by other Police and Crime Commissioners elsewhere in the country (eg Wiltshire);
- The OPCC should have a Whistleblowing Policy in place and let the Panel consider this policy at its next meeting or the following meeting if one is not currently in place;
- The OPCC should report the number of issues raised under its Whistleblowing Policy to the Panel on at least an annual basis as a standing item on the Panel's agenda and more frequently where considered appropriate.
- To note the update.

33. Precept Report 2020/21

The Panel received a report to notify them of the Acting Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner's (the "Acting Commissioner") proposed net budget requirement and precept for 2020/21 to enable them to review the proposed precept.

The Acting 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 Nick Dean, Chief Constable and Jon Lee, Director of Finance, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

The Panel made comment, asked questions and received responses from the Acting Commissioner, these included:

- a) The Acting Commissioner explained there was currently a review of the policing formula that formed the grant and if this is increased resulting in a better grant being received then there would be less requirement for an increase in council tax for following years.
- b) Members were pleased that the Acting Commissioner was lobbying the government for fairer funding.
- c) The Acting Commissioner stated that at the time of the survey the amount of funding to be received was not known but the public view was that they would be happy to pay what was needed to ensure the police could do their job. Although a figure had not been stated the survey allowed space for comments to be made at the end.
- d) The Acting Commissioner confirmed that staff funding had reduced into 20/21, additional duties had been taken on, along with collaboration and sharing of staff.
- e) The Chief Constable confirmed that 62 officers had been taken on in the first year, with the allocation based on the funding formula; years 2 and 3 allocations had not yet been decided as with the review of the formula it could be very different.
- f) With regard to the funding settlement; it was hoped that now MPs were involved that they would be able to influence government.
- g) The Panel thanked the officers for their hard work for providing a very detailed report and stated that improving investigation standards was pleasing to hear.

Following discussions, the Panel **AGREED** to **ENDORSE** the precept as proposed by the Acting Commissioner.

34. 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.

CPCC 2019-020 - Appointment of Legally Qualified Chairs

Councillor Giles asked how much qualified chairs were paid. Dorothy stated the daily rate was set nationally by the Professional Standards Department and could be between £300 and £500.

CPCC 2019-018 - Briefing Note – Section 22A Agreement for the Service provision by the Camera Tickets and Collision Unit.

Edward Leigh asked for further information regarding the increase in CTC resources and allocated staff to which Dorothy agreed she would provide.

The Panel **AGREED** to note the report.

35. Update from the National Conference

Councillor Alan Sharp, Chairman Edward Leigh, Nicky Massey and Claire Daunton all updated the Panel on their visit to the National Conference in November and encouraged Members to take this opportunity when it arises again in the coming year.

The Panel **AGREED** to note the update

36. National Association of Police Fire and Crime Panels

The Chairman explained to the Panel that the National Association of Police Fire and Crime Panels had decided not to charge subscription fees and asked Members. This removed the potential conflict with Home Office guidance on how the Panel's grant may be spent. The chair asked the Panel whether, in light of this situation, it now wished to join the National Association.

After a short discussion the Panel decided to join.

The Panel **AGREED** to subscribe to the National Association.

37. Draft Meeting Dates and Agenda Plan 2020-2021

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

ITEM	ACTION
Review of Complaints	<p>Following discussions, the Panel AGREED to make the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The newly elected Commissioner should sign a Code of Conduct, in line with the ones adopted by other Police and Crime Commissioners elsewhere in the country (eg Wiltshire);• The OPCC should have a Whistleblowing Policy in place and let the Panel consider this policy at its next meeting or the following meeting if one is not currently in place;• The OPCC should report the number of issues raised under its Whistleblowing Policy to the Panel on at least an annual basis as a standing item on the Panel's agenda and more frequently where considered appropriate. <p>The Panel AGREED to note the report.</p>
Police and Crime Commissioner's Precept Report	<p>Following discussions, the Panel AGREED to ENDORSE the precept as proposed by the Commissioner.</p>
Decisions by the Commissioner	Further information to be provided by the OPPC on:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Legally Qualified Chairs – payment made to these positions; • Agreement for Service Provision by the Cameras Tickets and Collisions Unit – how big was the transfer and was any additional funding provided? <p>The Panel NOTED the report and decisions that had been made by the Commissioner.</p>
Update on the Eighth Police and Crime Panel Conference hosted by Frontline	<p>Following discussions, the Panel AGREED to join the National Association of Police and Fire Panels</p> <p>The Panel AGREED to note the update.</p>
Meeting Dates and Agenda Plan 2020-2021	The Panel NOTED the forthcoming meeting dates.

The meeting began at 2:30pm and ended at 4:00pm

CHAIRPERSON

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