



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel
HELD AT Reception Room - Town Hall
ON 13 March 2024**

Members Present:

Councillors Jones (Vice Chair), Bradnam, Ferguson, Beuttell, Barkham, Wallwork, Gowling, Leeming, Thittala Varkey and Tyler

Officers Present:

Adesuwa Omoregie, Interim Director of Law and Governance
Rachel Edwards, Head of Constitutional Services

Others Present:

Daryl Preston, Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Jim Haylett, Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer OPCC (Office of Police Crime Commissioner)
Nicky Edwards, Director of Commissioning, OPCC
John Peach, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
Philip Trussell, Chief Finance Officer OPCC

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Claire George, Chair and Councillors Beuttell and Sharp.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 January 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting, held 31 January 2024, were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Review Actions and Recommendations from Previous Meeting

The Police and Crime Commissioner used this time to thank the Panel for their continued support.

5. Public Questions and Statements

It was confirmed that three questions had been submitted from Members of the public, as follows:

Questions from Ms Edna Murphy.

1.

The report

(Delivery of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Crime Plan 2021-24 Progress Report) is very vague on what, precisely, is being done to keep people safe from this under-reported and often devastating crime. How can you show that you are making progress in this area, both preventing fraud from occurring in the first place, and successfully investigating and supporting the conviction of those you do not manage to prevent?

2.

Can the Police and Crime Commissioner please explain why the Progress Report seems to lack any reference to restorative justice initiatives, or if it is there by another name how extensively is it funded and what have been the outcomes for Cambridgeshire?

Question from Mr
Daniel Fulton.

1.

Does the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner have any mechanisms in place to monitor the performance of the constabulary in regard to serious disclosure failures, and if not, would the Police and Crime Commissioner be willing to consider developing a mechanism that would allow these issues to be subject to regular monitoring and oversight?

As neither individuals were present, in accordance with procedure 7.15 of the Procedure Rules, the Panel would provide a written response.

6. Delivery of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2021-24 - Progress Report

The Commissioner presented the report which provided the Panel with an update on the approach for successfully delivering the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024. The report intentions were to provide the Panel with an overarching update on progress against the plan over the last year, ahead of and to complement the final Annual Report.

It was presented that the Plan focused on five themes: putting communities first, crime prevention, supporting victims and witnesses, ethical policing and robust enforcement. The themes had been developed to tackle crime and keep communities safe.

The Panel had been receiving regular updates throughout the lifetime of the Plan.

As part of the presentation the Commissioner highlighted examples of significant areas of success within the Plan.

Following questions from the Panel the Commissioner with support from Officers at the OPCC confirmed that;

- The Constabulary had a dedicated unit to victim support along with an independent team who also offer support.

- Road collisions that do not cause fatalities were recorded in order to provide a broad spectrum of information on speeding.
- Cambridgeshire consistently recorded the lowest number of cases closed because the victim did not support the action.
- Retention for Cambridgeshire was above average.
- There had been lots of work taking place nationally, along with a dedicated team with the focus of Modern day slavery.
- Mental Health nurses are funding by the Commissioners officers to be in the Control room in order to support people with mental health concerns that dial 999.
- The Commissioner encouraged communities to create neighbourhood watch in areas of speeding.
- The current telephony system being used by the police was old and needed an update in order to be more efficient.
- It was confirmed that Drones were being used in the area to assist better policing.

RESOLVED: That the Panel note the content of the report and the detailed update provided in Annex A.

7. Report of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

The report provided the Panel with details of the Police and Crime Commissioner's role in supporting partners in delivering against the Statutory Violence Duty. Along with a brief overview of the serious violence strategy needs assessment which had been developed by the local partnership.

RESOLVED: That the Panel note the report.

8. Draft Complaint Guidance

It was proposed, seconded and;

RESOLVED: that this item be deferred to a future meeting to allow the author the opportunity to present.

9. Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel - Rules of Procedure

It was proposed, seconded and;

RESOLVED: that this item be deferred to a future meeting to allow the author the opportunity to present.

10. Agenda Plan

Councillor Bradnam requested a report on His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services be brought to the next meeting.

1.30 - 2.51 pm

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