



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel  
HELD AT Bourges/Viersen Room - Town Hall  
ON 31 July 2024**

- Members Present:** Claire George, Anna Bradnam, Julie Kerr, John Fox, Ross Martin, Alan Sharp, John Gowling, Helene Leeming and Christine Whelan
- Officers Present:** Neil McArthur – Monitoring Officer, Rachel Edwards – Head of Constitutional Services, Philippa Rose – Senior Democratic Services Officer (CPCP)
- OPCC** Darryl Preston – Police & Crime Commissioner, Jack Hudson – Interim CEO, Cristina Turner – Director of Strategic Partnerships, Catherine Kimberley, Head of Communications & Engagement.

**1. Election of Chair**

It was proposed, seconded and:

**Resolved: That Claire George be appointed as Chair for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.**

**2. Election of Vice Chair**

It was proposed, seconded and:

**Resolved: That Councillor John Gowling be appointed as Vice-Chair for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.**

**3. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors; Cameron Holloway, Jason McNally and Marge Beutell.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor John Fox declared that he was a retired Police Officer.

Councillor Julie Kerr declared that her husband was a retired Police Officer.

#### **5. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13 March 2024**

It was confirmed that responses to the two questions submitted to the meeting would be shared with the Panel.

Following the deferral of both the Complaints Guidance and the Rules of Procedure report it was agreed that they were intending to be brought back to the meeting in November.

#### **6. Review Actions and Recommendations from Previous Meeting**

At its meeting on 13 March 2024 the Panel requested an item to discuss His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services following a Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy assessment – the Commissioner confirmed that there was an item on today's agenda that covered this.

#### **7. Public Questions/ Statements**

None.

#### **8. Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 2023/24**

As part of his update the Commissioner updated the panel on the main pillars within his Annual Delivery Plan these being: Putting Communities first, Crime Prevention, Supporting victims and witnesses, Ethical policing and Robust enforcement.

The update included:

- The Constabulary now had a record number of officers which was a direct response to concerns being raised of police visibility on the streets.
- A review had been carried out by the Home Office on the Community Safety Partnership which confirmed an allied nation of good practice, and that funding would hopefully now be received for posts to support in practice.
- Bike theft was down 54% following the partnership approach.
- Hospital admission for knife related injuries had reduced by almost half following new legislation for tackling serious violence.
- The victim and witness hub were being mirrored by other constituencies and had received significant funding for additional roles.
- 101 Calls were answered outside of the area to support other areas at high traffic times.
- The new telephony system would highlight pinch points more clearly to allow for a better understanding in the areas that need to be streamlined.
- Although there was a complaints resolution team most complaints could be resolved with a conversation, the Commissioner's approach was to listen to people's concerns and try and solve them before they reach a formal complaint.
- The Constabulary received an outstanding mark in terms of trust in the vetting procedure for new officers.

**Noted**

**9. Annual Integrity Assurance Report 2023/24**

The Commissioner provided an update against the 2023 report on all the mechanisms the Commissioner has in place to hold the Chief Constable to account for ethics and integrity.

The Panel expressed their desire for recommendations to add value rather than being purely 'to note'.

**Noted**

**10. A new brand for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

The Commissioner explained that the logo had been inherited with the office. 18 months ago, the Communications department reached out to the graphic department at Anglian Rustling University with a live brief including integrity, trust and bringing communities together. 20 designs had been received in total. The logo had been confirmed to be fully accessible.

Members were pleased that it had come at no cost, other than an amazon voucher.

**NOTED**

**11. Update: Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) Inspection 2023-25 - Progressing the Recommendations and Areas for improvement**

The Commissioner explained that a goal had been set for 999 calls to be answered within 15 mins, it had been confirmed that the team were in reach of completing the goal.

A positive result had been obtained following a standalone assessment of organised crime undertaken by HMRC.

Following questions from Members the Commissioner explained that although data is being shared better than ever before it is for the Chief Constable to be satisfied or decide if more needs to be done to improve.

It was confirmed that the Interim Chief Executive attends assurance meetings to discuss the progress of the Chief Constable's Annual Plan, actions and recommendations are monitored and all information is fed back to the Commissioner.

**NOTED**

**12. Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel Forward Plan**

The Panel expressed their interest in receiving a report on the Commissioners approach to grants, as part of the Finance report.

CHAIRMAN  
1.30 - 2.58 pm

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