

MINUTES of the meeting of the **SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL** held at 10.30 am on 10 October 2016 at Ashcombe Suite, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DN.

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Committee at its meeting on 1 December 2016.

Members:

Dorothy Ross-Tomlin (Chairman)
Ken Harwood (Vice-Chairman)
David Reeve
Chris Sadler
Margaret Cooksey
Peter Waddell
Charlotte Morley
Pat Frost
Beryl Hunwicks
Bryan Cross
Roger Newstead
Graham Ellwood
Anthony Mitchell
David Fitzpatrick-Grimes

45/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Graham Ellwood, David Fitzpatrick-Grimes and Borough Councillor Anthony Mitchell.

46/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes from the meeting held on 5 July 2016 were agreed by the Panel as a true record of the meeting.

47/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

None received.

48/16 PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 4]

None received.

49/16 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN QUARTERLY UPDATE [Item 5]**Key points raised during the discussion:**

1. The PCC introduced the item and informed Members that the Police and Crime Plan had recently been published. It was confirmed that scrutiny of the plan would be conducted with the Chief Constable through monthly meetings which would be held in public and private. The PCC went on to highlight the six main priorities of the plan and invited Panel Members to ask questions on its content.
2. The Chairman highlighted a comment made by the PCC regarding the importance of dealing with domestic abuse cases quickly and suggested that efforts should also be concentrated on cases where a person is falsely accused.
3. A Member of the Panel expressed their concern over the improvement needed to CCTV in certain parts of Surrey and the role it played in preventing terrorism. The PCC responded by informing the Panel he was aware of its importance and that a review on CCTV usage was being conducted as a matter of urgency with the Police. When asked for a timescale on this the Panel were informed it would be soon.
4. A Member of the Panel informed the PCC of stories he had heard of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) with long years of service leaving because they felt they were not given the support they needed. This was because Police Officers were also leaving the force and were not being replaced. The PCC noted this and explained that this was very concerning as they would not want to lose experienced Officers.
5. Members of the Panel were pleased that the Policing in your Neighbourhood scheme was under review and asked for timescales of when the review would be over and when the report would be made available. Members were informed that the review would be over in

November 2016 and that more information would be made available then.

6. Panel Members raised concerns over speeding on Surrey roads and asked how the Police were going to tackle this, The PCC understood their concerns and informed the Panel that the police took speeding very seriously. It was said that the Police would do what they can but would have to take a proportionate approach to the problem as it was not viable for the police to be stationed on every road monitoring speed. The PCC explained that he would be meeting with the Leader of Surrey County Council to consider what can be done to reduce speeding in the county.
7. A Member of the Panel asked for information on how police were cutting crime and statistics on how successful they were. The members stated that they could not find this information and asked if this could be included in future reports. The PCC confirmed that the information was available online but was not included in the report as it was lengthy. He agreed that this information would be included in future reports. A member of the Panel queried when the rural crime strategy would be published. The PCC explained the strategy was still in draft. The PCC also explained that the Police were working with Surrey County Council on the development of the Police estates strategy.
8. A discussion was had around people driving whilst using their mobile phones and how the police were intending to prevent this from increasing. The PCC agreed that this was a problem and mentioned that this was a crime that was difficult to enforce as it required an officer to witness someone using a mobile whilst driving. The PCC informed the Panel that penalties for this crime were increasing to prevent it from happening. A Member of the Panel suggested looking into more advanced ways to prevent mobile phones from being used whilst driving Members asked for details around the number of people being caught using mobile phones whilst driving in Surrey.
9. After being questioned on the progress with the Secretary of State in terms of the policing funding formula, the PCC informed the Panel that they had previously spoken and that a revision of the funding formula was underway. He mentioned that a letter would be sent to all Surrey Members of Parliament and Council Leaders asking for support to make sure Surrey would get a fair deal. A copy of this letter would also be shared with the Panel. The Chairman of the Panel stated that the Panel had previously sent a letter to the Home Office in support of fairer funding for Surrey Police and would be happy to do it again.
10. A Member of the Panel asked for confirmation if Epsom Police Station had been sold. The PCC confirmed that the Police station had not yet been sold but was currently considered as a surplus.

RESOLVED:

The Police and Crime Panel noted the early progress made against the Police and Crime Plan 2016-2020.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

R12/16 For the Police and Crime Panel to send a letter to the Home Office in support of fairer funding for Surrey Police.

R13/16 For the PCC to provide the panel with details around the number of people being caught using mobile phones whilst driving in Surrey.

50/16 BUDGET QUARTERLY UPDATE [Item 6]**Key points raised in the discussion:**

1. The Chief Finance Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office (OPCC) introduced the item to the Panel and confirmed that for 2015 between the Police Group and OPCC there had been a total under spend of £154,000.
2. A Member of the Panel asked for further information on carrying forward the capital budget and if a time limit was put in place. The Officer confirmed that there was no time limit and that the police had a history of not spending the full budget allocation because of the way capital projects had been managed. It was noted that the PCC agreed to be more flexible with the capital carry over.
3. A discussion was undertaken around IT overspend and whether this overspend was due to the implementation of a data centre. The Chief Finance Officer explained that work in relation to the data centre was charged to revenue and IT overspend was mainly due to staff turnover and agency staff costs.
4. The Panel queried issues with staff retention and queried if there was any possibility to increase staff incentives. The Chief Executive of the OPCC confirmed that the police were reviewing the package of benefits to officers, with a view to making sure officers stayed with the force. She further explained that the Chief Constable could pay a south east allowance but there were not enough funds to do this without making cuts elsewhere.
5. Panel Members questioned why a significant amount of money was being put into pay a pension deficit when it could be used to retain staff. The Chief Finance Officer informed the Panel that payment into the pension deficit was made from under spend against the budget and would ultimately reduce the amount that would need to be paid against the deficit in the longer term.
6. The PCC confirmed that it would seem that Surrey Police would be within budget for this year and that additional savings would be achieved through recruitment.

RESOLVED:

The Police and Crime Panel noted the financial performance of the Surrey Police Group and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

None.

51/16 FEEDBACK ON MANAGEMENT MEETINGS BETWEEN THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER AND CHIEF CONSTABLE [Item 7]

Key points raised during the discussion:

1. A Member of the Panel queried if consideration was being given for a new headquarters for Surrey Police. The PCC confirmed that this was still undecided but believed the Headquarters should be based in Surrey. The main strand of the estates strategy would be to increase co-location with other Police Forces and to use buildings more efficiently.
2. A member of the Panel asked for confirmation if there would be possibility to be involved with the scrutiny of the estate strategy in which it was confirmed the Panel could have involvement. Formal oversight of the strategy would be undertaken by the PCC in spring 2017.
3. A Member of the Panel queried whether work on an estates strategy had started four years ago and if so why a new estate strategy was being created. The PCC explained that he and the Chief Constable had agreed that more detailed work around a better strategy was possible and hence the need to continue with this work.

RESOLVED:

The Police and Crime Panel noted the update on performance meetings.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

None.

52/16 UPDATE ON FUNDING FOR CCTV [Item 8]

Key points raised during the discussion:

1. Members of the Panel agreed that CCTV had been discussed at length during item 5 and therefore no further discussions were required. It was noted that a formal report on CCTV would be considered at the 1 December panel meeting.
2. A Member of the Panel stated that more clarification was needed around timescales of when information around the changes being made to CCTV would be available. The PCC confirmed this was being viewed with great urgency.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

None.

53/16 VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES [Item 9]**Key points raised during the discussion:**

1. The Senior Policy Officer introduced the item and informed the Panel that they had £1,372,554 to spend on victim support services which was more than last year. The Officer went on to explain how the budget was divided between the services listed in the report. It was noted that the OPCC were not the only commissioners in Surrey and that joint commissioning was looked at where possible. The Officer went on to confirm that a commissioning strategy for the next four years would be published shortly online and that an online funding hub was live.
2. The Chairman of the Panel spoke about the need to use public money responsibly and the importance of preventing duplication of services. The Officer explained that there were some organisations in the report with similar roles but were very different in their offerings, although many worked very closely together.
3. A member queried a budget deficit outlined in the report. The Senior Policy officer explained that this was not a deficit but contribution towards a shortfall in an organisation's travel costs from the OPCC.
4. A Member of the Panel highlighted the mention of a Surrey Police DVD on child sexual exploitation and asked how the service was aiming for it to be circulated and communicated. The Officer confirmed that it was their aim to circulate to schools but unfortunately there was no guarantee as to if it would be taken up by schools. A Member went on to ask how closely the service works with schools. The PCC confirmed more could be done to work with schools although work was being undertaken with schools currently through Eagle radio. A member of the Panel commended the work of Eagle radio.
5. A member of the board questioned the budget for administration costs and queried why it was so high. The Senior Policy Officer confirmed that this budget contained staff salaries and costs for events. It was further explained that this funding comes from the Ministry of Justice.
6. A discussion was had around potentially giving fixed levels of money from the Community Safety Fund to Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to allow them to continue the work they have done in the past. The PCC stated that he did not want to give large pots of money to CSPs directly without efficient business cases in place.
7. A member queried how the performance of commissioned services were monitored. The Senior Policy Officer explained that all services are monitored through monthly and quarterly reporting. The contract with Victim Support is monitored through six month updates and an annual report. Victims accessing the service are monitored at the point of referral and throughout the process to ensure progress is being made.
8. Officers explained that the Assistant Commissioner for Victims led the strategy for the team and was a key point of contact for the courts,

service managers and victims of crimes. The PCC stated that he was very happy with the work undertaken by the Assistant Commissioner for Victims and explained that she would be attending the next PCP meeting.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the content of the report.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

R14/16 For the OPCC Commissioning Strategy to be added to the forward work programme for the 1 December panel meeting.

54/16 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING [Item 10]

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the report.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

None.

55/16 ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER [Item 11]

Key points raised during the discussion:

1. A Member of the Panel asked for confirmation if body worn cameras for Police Officers had been implemented across Surrey. The PCC responded by saying that there had been delays but there was a keenness to get this implemented soon.
2. The actions and recommendations tracker was agreed.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the report.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

None.

56/16 DRAFT FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME [Item 12]

Key points raised in the discussion:

1. It was explained that a full update report on CCTV would be considered at the December panel meeting. The Panel discussed the necessity of keeping the 'Verbal Update on Ongoing Investigations' item on future agendas as a standing item. There was concern that the information given in this item was private and could interfere with current ongoing

investigations. The Chairman and PCC stated that it would be beneficial to keep this item on future agendas as a general verbal update from the PCC. It was agreed to rename this item on future agendas as 'Verbal Update from the PCC'.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the draft forward work programme.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

For the standing agenda item 'Verbal update on ongoing investigations' to be changed to 'Verbal Update from the PCC'.

57/16 VERBAL UPDATE ON ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS [Item 13]

RESOLVED:

For the standing agenda item 'Verbal update on ongoing investigations' to be changed to 'Verbal Update from the PCC'.

58/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 14]

The Panel noted that the next public meeting of the Police and Crime Panel would be held at 10.30am on 1 December 2016.

Meeting ended at: 12.20 pm

Chairman