

MINUTES of the meeting of the **SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL** held at 10.30 am on 7 December 2017 at The Ashcombe Suite, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DN.

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Panel at its next meeting.

Members Present:

Cllr Ken Harwood (Chairman)
 Cllr Charlotte Morley (Vice-Chairman)
 Cllr Chris Sadler
 Cllr Josephine Hawkins
 Cllr David Reeve
 Cllr Margaret Cooksey
 Cllr Beryl Hunwicks
 Cllr Nick Gething
 Cllr Dorothy Ross-Tomlin
 Mr Bryan Cross
 Mr David Fitzpatrick-Grimes

44/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

An apology was received from Peter Waddell.

45/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 12 September 2017 were agreed by the Panel as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

46/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

None were received.

47/17 PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 4]

No public questions have been received.

48/17 BUDGET QUARTERLY UPDATE [Item 5]

Key points raised during discussion:

1. The Chief Finance Officer advised the Panel that there were significant variations in the Group budget and went through individual overspends and underspends explaining reasons and expected end of year forecasts.
2. The PSD overspend was due to the need to take extra legal advice about Deepcut Barracks and the overspend was expected to reduce to less than £1m by end of the financial year. The IT budget was showing an overspend of £2m but was expected to be £965k (over or under?) by year end. The central budget was due to be underspent by £3.4m by year end and was in large, due to older police officers leaving the Force and new recruits joining who cost less.

3. It was further reported that the Force had budgeted for a 1% pay award but now had to find another 1% imposed by Government. This would mean an extra £500k needing to be found thus placing increased pressure on Budgets for next year.
4. It was stated that PCCs nationally were fighting for more funding.
5. Members raised concerns about the significant variations and made comments around body cameras not being accounted for in the budget despite them being worn for over a year. It was also noted that there were various reasons for the overspend and not just the extra 1% pay award.
6. The Commissioner explained that they were up to establishment on police numbers but that many were new recruits that needed training. The recruitment campaign had been a success. He expressed concern about IT systems which were inherently risky but had confidence in the Project teams. It was also thought that the 2% pay award would help to retain officers in Surrey.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted and commented on the Budget updates.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

None.

49/17 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN QUARTERLY UPDATE [Item 6]

Key points raised during discussion:

1. The PCC highlighted several areas of his report. He reported that there had been progress in trying to tackle the inadequacy of the Court system and improvements had been made within the CPS and Probation Service.
2. The PCC reported that an 'ex offender housing project' had been commissioned with a very experienced Provider with long standing support mechanisms. He would monitor how this project worked at reducing reoffending.
3. In response to a Member query, the PCC reported that the three Forces involved in the new HR and Planning System were Surrey, Thames Valley and Hampshire.
4. There was discussion around performance and targets for the 101 number. The Panel requested a full list of 101 targets.
5. Panel members discussed the PCC stance on there being no correlation between the reduction in street lighting during the night time as adopted by Surrey CC and the level of crime. It was noted that there was now a Commissioned report on the subject and requested to be notified of when new reports went onto the PCC website.

6. Panel members raised some local issues surrounding the impact of reduced street lighting and crime. The PCC advised the Panel that Surrey CC had said they would listen sympathetically to any local issues.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the report.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

R15/17 – For the PCC to provide the Panel with a full list of targets for the 101 number.

50/17 FIRE GOVERNANCE UPDATE [Item 7]

Key points raised during discussion:

1. The PCC reported that he had deferred the decision on change of Governance for six months whilst the situation was reviewed. The PCC was Chair of the Emergency Service Collaboration Board and was happy to report that progress had been made and there was now improved collaboration. He was due to meet the Leader of Surrey County Council in the New Year.
2. In response to a Member question, the PCC stated that the KPMG report would be published on the PCC's website once all factual accuracy amendments had been made.
3. In response to another question, the PCC reported that Surrey Police were undertaking an Estates Strategy Review but there was no timeline for a report formal report.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the report.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

R14/17 - For the PCC to provide the Panel with an update report on Fire Governance.

51/17 FEEDBACK ON MANAGEMENT MEETINGS BETWEEN THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER AND CHIEF CONSTABLE [Item 8]

Key points raised during discussion:

1. The PCC reported that the system for holding the CC to account was working well. There were quarterly webcasted meetings with the CC as well as informal and private meetings.
2. The Panel discussed changes to the complaints process and the PCC stated that he feared changes would increase the number of complaints and costs.

3. The Panel asked to see the Reserves Strategy as mentioned in the report. The PCC stated that Surrey had no reserves but did have a contingency budget.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the report.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

R13/17 - For the PCC to provide the Panel with the Reserves Strategy.

52/17 UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE ASSISTANT POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (VICTIMS) [Item 9]

Key points raised during discussion:

The APCC (Victims) described how her role had brought about an attitudinal change within the police service. She explained how experiences of victims were used in police training. She worked closely with charities and other organisations and explained how she would turn up at court to speak with victims on that day. Victim Support were relied upon to help victims of burglary.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the report.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

None.

53/17 COLLABORATION UPDATE [Item 10]

Key points raised during discussion:

1. There was discussion around reports of time delay of the Air Service. The PCC reported that weather and geographical location played a big part in the use of the Air Service and that there was an increase in the use of drones. He would be speaking with the CC about these issues.
2. In response to a query, the PCC stated that County Boundaries were not a hard and fast rule due to collaboration between Counties, so it was very possible that a call for an issue inside Surrey could be passed to Sussex.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the report.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

None.

54/17 ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING [Item 11]

Key points raised during discussion:

1. The Panel raised queries about the discrepancy of child casualty numbers between Districts/Boroughs. It was explained that a difference between Guildford and Epsom & Ewell was expected due to Guildford's larger area and population.
2. One Panel member paid tribute to Surrey Heath Police.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the report.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

None.

55/17 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING [Item 12]

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the report and Appendix A.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

None.

56/17 RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER AND FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME [Item 13]

Key points raised during discussion:

1. The Chairman introduced the amended work plan explaining that the frequency of some of the standing items had been changed so that the Panel could focus on more specific issues. The OPCC had been consulted.
2. CCTV Review to be added to the Work Programme.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the Forward Work Programme and Recommendations Tracker.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

That Panel members forward any comments/items for the Work Programme to the Support Officer.

57/17 COMMISSIONERS QUESTION TIME [Item]**Key points raised during discussion:**

1. A question previously submitted and the response were tabled at the meeting and are attached at Annex 1.
2. A member asked the Commissioner to speak with the Chief Constable regarding a resident issue they had highlighted. The Commissioner requested that information be forwarded to him outside of the meeting.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

None.

58/17 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC [Item 14]

That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information under the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

59/17 INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE SUSSEX/SURREY JOINT FINANCE TEAM [Item 15]**Key points raised during discussion:**

1. The Chief Finance Officer presented an Exempt report and highlighted the actions to be taken forward and what this would mean in terms of improved efficiency within the Service.
2. The Panel discussed the formation and merger of the Joint Finance Team and the subsequent benefits of having done so.
3. The Chief Finance Officer stated that collaborative working could not always be located along county borders due to estate rationalisation and in the case of the Joint Finance Team, savings were needed quickly.

RESOLVED:

The Panel noted the report.

ACTIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

R12/17 – For the OPCC to provide the Panel with a six month review report.

60/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 16]

The next meeting of the Panel would be held on Monday 5 February 2018.

Meeting ended at: 12.20 pm

Chairman