

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the **SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL** held at 10.30 am on 19 September 2018 at 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 Andrew Burley
- \*Cllr Josephine Hawkins
- \*Cllr David Reeve
- \*Cllr Graham Ellwood
- \*Cllr Margaret Cooksey
- \*Cllr Beryl Hunwicks
- \*Mr Bryan Cross
- \*Mr David Fitzpatrick-Grimes

**Apologies:**

Cllr Peter Waddell  
Cllr Nick Gething  
Cllr Pat Frost

**22/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]**

Apologies have been received from Peter Waddell, Nick Gething and Pat Frost.

**23/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]**

Members noted that some amendments were required to the attendance list on page one.

**24/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**25/18 PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 4]**

There were no public questions submitted.

**26/18 COMMISSIONING ARRANGEMENTS [Item 5]**

**Witnesses:**

David Munro, Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner  
Alison Bolton, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

**Key points raised in discussion:**

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) outlined the report, noting that there were three funding streams in place for commissioning:

- a. Community Safety Fund
- b. Reducing Reoffending Fund
- c. Victims Fund.

The PCC highlighted the Community Safety Fund and stressed that it was used to implement a wide range of schemes with public benefit, including an anti-social behaviour scheme aimed to aid the victims.

2. Members questioned Early Intervention, how it was envisaged to function by the PCC and how this would be effectively funded. The PCC noted that early intervention was aimed to provide support as soon as possible to reduce the impact of crime on victims and reduce long term costs. It was noted that these schemes would be funded through the three funding streams.
3. Members queried the priority listed of “keeping Surrey’s roads safe” and questioned whether there was an opportunity to use the funding streams to finance the installation of speed warning signs. The PCC noted that this could be funded through Highways Agency funding, or through County Councillor’s Local Allowance, but that the PCC’s funding streams were being used for projects such as “Safe Drive, Stay Alive,” which was used to ensure that road safety remained a key priority.

**RESOLVED:**

That Members noted the report.

**Actions/Further information to be provided:**

None.

**27/18 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN QUARTERLY UPDATE [Item 6]**

**Witnesses:**

David Munro, Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner  
Alison Bolton, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

**Key points raised in discussion:**

1. Members queried the burglary prevention kits that were noted in the report and questioned their use and effectiveness. The PCC explained that kits included SelectaDNA marking water, which would be used to aid in recovery of stolen property and serve as a deterrent to burglary. It was also noted that the Surrey Police was offering these kits at a discount for members of the public who applied. The PCC noted that other brands of DNA kit were also available.
2. The PCP noted that webcast sessions of public meetings of the PCC were advertised on the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner’s website, as well as advertised on social media.

3. The PCP explained the 101 call time responses statistics, and stated that the call time was measured from the beginning of the contact to when the call was picked up by an agent.
4. Members questioned the PCP's response to unauthorised Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) encampments in Surrey and whether the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner considered the response of Surrey Police to this issue to be robust. The PCC noted that this was a significant issue and that the police were working to pursue criminality that took place in these encampments. However, it was noted that the police had difficulty with this, often due to lack of evidence of criminality and stressed that the police needed help from the community to aid in the task of reducing crime resultant of this issue.
5. It was noted by the PCC that he had requested Surrey Police to undertake a review of the thresholds between anti-social behaviour and criminality, as it was explained that they were not clear at present and that this had led to increased ambiguity over anti-social behaviour in unauthorised encampments. This was often a cause of community tension and frustration.
6. Members questioned Transit Camps, their effectiveness in other authorities, and the impact that these would have if implemented. The PCC noted that the idea for Transit Camps was used in other comparable local authorities as an additional deterrent to authorised encampments and gave the police additional powers to move on unauthorised encampments to these sites. It was also noted that there was some impetus from central government to strengthen laws relating to trespass on land and unauthorised encampments and that this may improve the ability for police to move on unauthorised encampments.
7. It was stressed that the PCC had attended a meeting of the Surrey Leaders Group where the idea of transit camps was received positively. It was noted, however, that potential sites were not identified during this discussion.
8. The PCC noted that victims of crime resulting from unauthorised encampments were carefully considered and that police had spent time and resource to reassure and protect residents.
9. The PCC stressed that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner would be working closely with Borough and District authorities to reduce the impact of anti-social behaviour and unauthorised encampments.
10. Members questioned the absence of burglary as a "high harm" crime and asked whether this could be included in the PCC's plan, due to the impact that this has upon victims of this crime. The PCC noted improved focus on burglary, noting that cases of burglary had reduced. He was content that burglary was treated with sufficient priority, and that a re-definition was not necessary.

11. Members praised the PCC's commitment to counter-terrorism operations, but noted that there were several other operations underway which could be investigated by police as potential future options to improve performance in this area. The PCC noted the strong action that had been taken on this issue and that significant resource had been allocated to ensure that this was successful.
12. Members questioned the Alliance Support Coaching service and "Make Every Adult Matter" (MEAM) approach plan and asked for evidences of success and the locations of the pilot programmes. The PCC offered to provide this information to Members.

**RESOLVED:**

That Members noted the report

**Actions/Further information to be provided:**

That the Police and Crime Commissioner provides the committee details of the Alliance Support Coaching service and "Make Every Adult Matter" (MEAM) approach plan, including evidences of successes and the locations of the pilot programmes.

**28/18 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN [Item 7]**

**Witnesses:**

David Munro, Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner  
 Alison Bolton, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
 Ian Perkin, Treasurer of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

**Key points raised in discussion:**

1. The Treasurer of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner outlined the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and explained that it contained a broad look over the period of the next four years, and included proposals relating to the precepts, and the implications that this would have upon the budget.
2. Members questioned underspend in the Capital budget and asked whether the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner could use this to alleviate some of the budget deficit issues. Officers noted that it was not feasible to use the capital budget in this way as the capital budget was separate from the revenue budget.
3. Officers noted that the estate strategy expenditure were currently focussed on planning and development of proposals, and did not include any construction at present.
4. The PCC noted that Surrey Police had been working in partnership with three other forces, Thames Valley, Hampshire, Sussex, to reduce costs through co-operation and sharing services as part of the South East Integrated Policing Programme (SERIP).

5. The PCC noted that they were in discussions with the Home Office to highlight issues with the funding formula, and stress that Surrey Police needed to be treated fairly.
6. The PCC explained that he was confident that the service would find the savings required to maintain a balanced budget.

**RESOLVED:**

That Members noted the report.

**Actions/Further information to be provided:**

None.

**29/18 NEW RESPONSIBILITIES FOR POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER REGARDING COMPLAINTS [Item 8]**

**Witnesses:**

David Munro, Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner  
Alison Bolton, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

**Key points raised in discussion:**

1. The Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner explained the rationale for choosing method one as outlined in the report. It was noted that appeals arising from police complaints would be dealt with directly by the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner as outlined in legislation, highlighting that more resource would be required to do this. Most complaints themselves would continue to be dealt with by Surrey Police as per current arrangements.
2. Members questioned whether the PCC had considered the appointment of an independent ombudsman to deal with appeals, which could be more neutral than an ex-police force officer as suggested. Officers noted that there were positives and negatives to both options and that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner would keep this under review to determine who would be the most effective at this role.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Police and Crime Panel noted the changes to the police complaints system.

**30/18 FEEDBACK ON PERFORMANCE MEETINGS [Item 9]**

**Witnesses:**

David Munro, Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner  
Alison Bolton, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

**Key points raised in discussion:**

Members noted the report and added no additional comments.

**RESOLVED:**

That Members noted the report.

**31/18 DISCLOSURE ISSUES [Item 10]****Witnesses:**

David Munro, Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner  
Alison Bolton, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

**Key points raised in discussion:**

1. The PCC explained that he would be requesting the aid of disclosure experts in order to better understand the issues that had faced the service regarding disclosure.
2. The PCC noted that the service wanted to build a better system of disclosure and explained that the service would be taking this issue seriously.
3. Members questioned whether there would be an inquiry into the specific issues raised relating to disclosure. The PCC noted that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has this matter in hand.

**RESOLVED:**

That Members noted the report.

**32/18 COMMISSIONERS QUESTION TIME [Item 11]****Witnesses:**

David Munro, Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner  
Alison Bolton, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

**Key points raised in discussion:**

Members noted that air quality on the A331 was poor and that there was a joint solution put forward with the authorities effected to reduce speed limits along this road. Members asked whether Surrey Police would provide assurance that they would comply with this and ensure that speed limits are enforced on this road. The PCC noted that he supported this and would look into the specific enquiry.

**Actions/further information to be provided:**

That the PCC look into this enquiry and ensure that adequate support is provided to this proposal.

### **33/18 RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER AND FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME [Item 12]**

**Witnesses:**

Richard Plummer, Democratic Services Officer

**Key points raised in discussion:**

Members questioned the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) strategy. The PCC noted that this was on the agenda for the next Chief Executives Group Meeting and that it was a work in progress.

**RESOLVED:**

That Members noted the report and approved the forward plan and actions tracker.

### **34/18 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING [Item 13]**

**Witnesses:**

None

**Key points raised in discussion:**

Members noted that one complaint had been received and that the panel was receiving legal advice regarding this. It was noted that a response would be provided to the committee when this legal advice was forthcoming.

**RESOLVED:**

That the report was noted.

### **35/18 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC [Item 14]**

**RESOLVED:**

That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items 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.

### **36/18 REVIEW OF JOINT FINANCE TEAM [Item 15]**

**Witnesses:**

David Munro, Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner  
Alison Bolton, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

**Key points raised in discussion:**

Members were provided an exempt update on the review of the joint finance team.

**Actions/further information to be provided:**

None.

**37/18 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANELS [Item 16]****Witnesses:**

None

**Key points raised in discussion:**

Members discussed the proposal for a national association of police, fire and crime panels in detail. It was agreed that the Surrey Police and Crime Panel would not participate in the national association following this discussion.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Surrey Police and Crime Panel would not seek membership of the national association at this time.

**38/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 17]**

The next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel will be on 28 November 2018, at County Hall.

Meeting ended at: 12.04 pm

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**Chairman**