

MINUTES of a meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL** held on 23 March 2017 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor Julie Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors G Claff (High Peak Borough Council), J Frudd (Derbyshire County Council), C Hart (Erewash Borough Council), C Ludlow (Chesterfield Borough Council), J McCabe (High Peak Borough Council), P Murray (South Derbyshire District Council), J Orton (Amber Valley Borough Council), J Ritchie (Bolsover District Council) and Jackson-Horner (Independent Member).

Derbyshire County Council officers also in attendance: S Hobbs (Assistant Director of Legal Services), D Rose (Improvement and Scrutiny Officer) and I Walters (Democratic Services Officer).

H Dhindsa, Police and Crime Commissioner and D Peet, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Bright (Derbyshire Dales District Council), S Ellis (Derbyshire County Council), K Morgan (Derbyshire County Council), J Lilley (North East Derbyshire District Council), V Newbury (Independent Member) and S Handsley (Independent Member). J Whitby (Derby City Council) P Pegg (Derby City Council).

A minutes silence was held at the start of the meeting in memory of PC Keith Palmer, and the other victims of the terrorist attack in London on 22 March 2017.

10/17 MINUTES RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel held on 26 January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

11/17 POLICE & CRIME PLAN STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1 The Police and Crime Panel (PCP) was informed of progress made against Strategic Priority One of the 2016-2021 Police & Crime Plan for Derbyshire. – “Working to keep the most vulnerable in our communities safe from crime and harm and supporting those who unfortunately find themselves a victim of crime”

On 1 October 2014, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for

Derbyshire took over responsibility from the Ministry of Justice for commissioning victims services. Details were given of the contracts that had been let around supporting victims.

Particular reference was made to the valuable work around restorative justice and the work of Remedi, the specialist provider commissioned to deliver the service. Remedi, considered that Derbyshire Constabulary had an excellent system in place to ensure that officers were clear about which cases should be referred through for a restorative justice intervention. They also noted that the Force had a dedicated restorative Justice lead demonstrating a genuine commitment to the approach.

The victim services website – CORE, continued to grow and develop.

The hope was that this information hub will allow victims of crime, or their friends/families, to understand what services are out there to support them and help them cope and recover.

The office had commissioned a piece of work to develop an assessment framework to ensure that the PCC had confidence in the quality of service delivered by those agencies it promoted via the website.

RESOLVED (1) to note the progress made against Strategic Priority 1 of the Police and Crime Plan; and.

(2) to note the specific reports that would be submitted to the Strategic Governance Board at its meeting on 27th March 2017, which would be circulated to Panel Members shortly.

12/17 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE REPORT

Hardyal Dhindsa, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Derbyshire, gave an update on some of the areas of work that he had recently undertaken.

The Commissioner updated Panel Members in relation to community engagement work and focused particularly on the #D383 initiative, which had been launched in June 2016 and would reflect his manifesto pledge to visit all 383 towns and villages in Derbyshire and actively engage with the public in these communities. To date, 30 separate locations had been visited. It was noted that in relation to the 'Listening to You' consultation, 1638 surveys had been completed between June 2016 – March 2017 with 9 consultation events held since the last Panel meeting.

The Commissioner also gave a number of recent examples of his partnership facilitation role and how this could have a positive impact in resolving specific issues in communities and made particular reference to the

recent City Centre Summit. A commitment was also given to support summits in other areas of the county where the need existed to bring people together.

Details were given of the Dedicated Rural Crime Team, which was launched on 13 March at Bakewell. The team was made up of Police Officers, Special Constabulary, Police Support volunteers supported by 27 Wildlife Crime Officers. The team would deliver crime prevention tips to people, plan and execute operations to target criminals who carry out these offences, and take the lead on the investigation of rural crimes, giving victims a single point of contact to deal with. Farm Watch would also be launched on Derbyshire Alert on 17 April 2017.

The 'Step Up, Beat Hate' Launch was taking place on 23 March in Matlock, which was a new Hate Crime victim website & publicity campaign co-funded between PCC, local authorities and Remedi.

The recruitment process for the new Chief Constable was ongoing, with interviews scheduled for 31 March 2017. A Confirmation Hearing had been scheduled for 13 April 2017.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and also made a number of comments and observations on the update, to which the Police and Crime Commissioner responded.

The Police and Crime Commissioner responded to questions that had been asked at the last meeting regarding the 101 service; the Niche system; community response radio links; and Operation Liberal, and agreed to electronically circulate the update on each, to all Panel Members.

RESOLVED to note the update provided.

13/17 REGIONAL COLLABORATION WORKING GROUP UPDATE REPORT The Panel was updated on the regional collaboration work carried out by the working group.

The Panel agreed on 26 January to meet with other East Midlands PCPs to discuss regional collaboration arrangements. Initial discussions had been held in the East Midlands PCP Network regarding a common set of questions on regional collaboration for each East Midlands PCC to answer at their respective Panels. A generic presentation was being developed by representatives of the PCC Board, which was proposed to be shared with Panels after April 2017. Furthermore, the PCC Board was reviewing and developing its governance, accountability and performance monitoring arrangements. Going forward, this may include dedicated officer support for

the Board. As yet, these arrangements had not been agreed by the PCC Board.

Members of the working group met with representatives from Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel in February 2017. As a result of this meeting, it was proposed that a workshop would be arranged, possibly in the summer, and facilitated by Frontline Consulting, who had skill and experience in such development sessions.

The proposal was discussed with Frontline Consulting and the East Midlands Regional Network on 2 March. There was agreement on the proposed way forward in principle. Officers from the East Midlands Regional Network would now work with Frontline Consulting to develop a detailed proposal for a regional collaboration workshop, including costs, venue and a programme of activity. This would then be put forward to each East Midlands PCP for their consideration and, if agreeable, they may nominate representatives to attend the workshop.

RESOLVED to (1) note the information provided by the working group; and

(2) note the work to develop an East Midlands Regional Collaboration Workshop and to receive a detailed proposal in due course.

14/17 PCP PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK UPDATE The Panel was provided with an updated Performance Framework for the Police and Crime Panel (the Panel).

In 2014, the Panel agreed a Performance Framework to enable the Panel to hold to account the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). Due to the new PCC being elected in May 2016 and his subsequent publication of a new Police and Crime Plan, an updated Performance Framework was proposed.

The Panel was required to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other actions taken, by the PCC in connection with the discharge of the functions. One important dimension of this is the Panel's scrutiny of the Commissioner's delivery of his Police and Crime Plan.

The Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan came into effect in September 2016 and covered the period up to 2021. Considering the PCC's progress against his Police and Crime Plan gave Panel Members the opportunity to explore areas of success and those that required further development. In line with the Panel's responsibility to be supportive, the

Commissioner's performance could be enhanced with the help of Panel Members' insight, understanding and constructive challenge.

When considering assessing the performance of the PCC, it was important to have a clear understanding of what was an operational matter and beyond the remit of the Panel; this will have an effect on the way that Panel engaged with the PCC and the Chief Constable. The Home Office protocol provided guidance on what was, and was not, an operational matter. Under section 2 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 'a police force, and the civilian staff of a police force, were under the direction and control of the chief constable of the force'. In accordance with this, the Framework's approach to performance will match that of the PCC's approach of continuous improvement, rather than the development of specific numeric targets.

The updated Performance Framework was appended to the Director of Legal Services of Derbyshire County Council's report. The purpose of the Framework was to not be overly prescriptive and for the PCC to only bring relevant information as and when appropriate. Therefore, the Framework should act as a guide rather than a requirement.

The reporting timetable in section 4 ensured that the Panel received the relevant information at timely points of the year. The timetable was based on the PCC's Business Plan and the dates of each Police and Crime Panel meeting.

RESOLVED (1) to approve the updated Performance Framework; and

(2) to receive reports in accordance with the Framework going forward at Panel meetings

16/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING RESOLVED to note that the next meeting of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel would take place on Thursday 13 April 2017 at 1.00 pm at County Hall, Matlock (Chief Constable Confirmation Hearing).