

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL** held on 24 March 2016 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Julie Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors P Bayliss (Derby City Council), G Claff (High Peak Borough Council), C Hart (Erewash Borough Council), K Morgan (Derbyshire County Council), P Murray (South Derbyshire District Council), J Orton (Amber Valley Borough Council) and J Whitby (Derby City Council) and K Jackson-Horner (Independent Member) and V Newbury (Independent Member).

Also in attendance: P Handford (Director of Finance), J McElvaney (Director of Legal Services), D Rose (Improvement and Scrutiny Officer) and I Walters (Democratic Services Officer)

A Charles, Police and Crime Commissioner, H Dhindsa, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and H Boffy, Treasurer, were also present.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Ludlow (Chesterfield Borough Council) and L Robinson (North East Derbyshire District Council)

**09/16      ALAN CHARLES** On behalf of the Panel, the Chair conveyed thanks and appreciation to Alan for the work he had undertaken during his time as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire

**10/16      MINUTES      **RESOLVED**** that the minutes of the meeting of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel held on 28 January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**11/16      POLICE AND CRIME PLAN – OBJECTIVE 6** The Police and Crime Commissioner provided the Panel with an update of progress against Objective 6 “to encourage further investigation into issues surrounding alcohol related crime and harm and the impact of drugs on communities; and explore ways to intervene early to prevent it – with support from our partners”.

It was noted that in the autumn of 2015 the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner had appointed a Projects Officer with a specific remit to drive forward work following the PCC’s summit programme. The first area of work had focussed on the follow up from the 2013 Alcohol Summit.

In November 2015 the Office had relaunched the “Safe Night Out” brand in conjunction with the University of Derby and Derbyshire Police. The aim of the campaign was to promote and encourage people to enjoy the night-time economy, but in a safe way.

Part of this relaunch included promotion of an ID card scheme which meant that students did not need to take out potentially important documents such as passports or drivers’ licences. The scheme had been administratively supported by the University who were able to verify student status and the age of the card holder. Other areas of continuing work included the development of the ‘Intoxicated’ campaign, which was designed to support bar staff with training around serving customers who were already drunk. Discussions were currently taking place about expanding the scheme including input into schools to raise awareness of alcohol related harm and hopefully providing information to young people to make positive, informed choices about their alcohol use. The initial findings of this project were to be presented in early April and shared more widely to inform the development of the strategic priority.

In relation to drugs the PCC had held a Drug Summit in June 2015. A wide range of speakers attended and, as a result, the PCC was given a local mandate to write to the Home Office seeking a review of current drug laws.

As a direct result of the correspondence with the Policing Minister the PCC was able to facilitate a meeting with senior representatives from the Home Office and some of the partners from the Summit to look at what was currently being suggested within the government’s legislative programme.

Panel members would be aware that the PCC had supported the adoption of the so called “Cardiff Model” for data sharing between A&E Departments and the Police. This approach to data sharing was continuing and was routinely shared with the Violence and Alcohol Harm and Licensing Groups in the County and the City’s equivalent, the Responsible Authorities Meeting.

Both Derby Royal Infirmary and Chesterfield Royal Hospital were now routinely sharing this useful data. Work was also ongoing to ensure that the data collected was used to its maximum effect to assist with tackling drug and alcohol related crime and harm in Derbyshire.

The work of the PCC over the past 12 months had not been limited to raising issues and facilitating discussions. The PCC had also financially supported a number of initiatives relating to the drugs and alcohol agenda.

A sum of £326,000 was allocated for drug intervention programme work in both the City and County. To date further funding had been allocated to support this work in the County in both 2016 and 17. Grants for up to £25,000 had also been awarded to community based projects over the past year.

Looking forward, the Psychoactive Substances Act 2015 was due to come into force in April 2016, which would have an impact on so called “legal highs” making their supply a criminal offence. The PCC would carry on with the current plans and wait to see how the new Commissioner wished to respond to the challenges of drug and alcohol use following their election in May and would develop delivery plans accordingly.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**12/16      PERFORMANCE REPORT** Members were informed of the challenge and scrutiny of the Force’s performance from the most recent Police and Crime Commissioner’s Strategic Governance Board Meeting (SGB)

The PCC received a scorecard once a quarter and during the other two months reviewed an internally produced performance report. In February 2016 the PCC received an internal report on performance. Copies of the internal performance report that went to the February SGB meeting and the draft notes of the PCC’s questioning regarding the performance report were appended to the report to assist the Panel in understanding the management/performance data that the Commissioner received.

In accordance with the performance framework, included for the Panel Members’ information was the digest of PCC decisions taken since the last meeting.

Members were given the opportunity to make comments or ask questions, which were duly noted or answered.

**RESOLVED** to note the update performance report.

**13/16      PANEL WORKING ARRANGEMENTS** The Director of Legal Services informed the Panel of proposed working arrangements with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).

Following the Panel’s development session in October 2015 and further discussions at the Panel’s pre-meeting in January 2016, it was proposed to develop the Panel’s working arrangements with the OPCC and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

The development session had proposed the following:

- A need to have private conversations as a Panel, to decide on its work programme and how to pursue areas of proactive scrutiny, for example through task and finish groups;
- Having pre-meetings to establish lines of enquiry and having a no surprises approach with the PCC so they were armed with the relevant information; and
- Develop working arrangements with the OPCC, for example attending Panel meetings by invitation only/attending Panel meetings for their reports only.

The Panel would aim to develop areas of proactive scrutiny to challenge and support the PCC. So far, it was proposed to start scrutiny in the areas of the PCC's budget, child sexual exploitation and following a suggestion raised at the meeting, the system for receiving 101 calls. Scoping reports were provided at the meeting in relation to child sexual exploitation and the PCC budget and a report would be prepared on the arrangement for 101 calls. A report would be provided to the next meeting giving further ideas, including the existing suggestion on child sexual exploitation, and for proposals for work areas based on the current Police and Crime Plan. The following Members put themselves forward for the working groups

Budget – Councillors S Ellis, P Murray and G Claff

101 service – Councillors P Murray and J Frudd

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the proposed working arrangements;

(2) to agree the two areas of proactive scrutiny which would form part of the Work Programme in 2016/17 and beyond;

(3) that a further report be submitted to the May 2016 meeting with a number of further options for future work in line with the Police and Crime Plan; and

(4) that the Working Groups present their findings to future Panel meetings.

**14/16      FORTHCOMING EVENTS** Early notice was given of the 5<sup>th</sup> National Police and Crime Panel Conference which was to be held on 20 October 2016 in Birmingham.

**15/16**      **DATE OF NEXT MEEETING RESOLVED** to note that the next meeting of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel would take place on Thursday 26 May 2016 at 11am at County Hall, Matlock.