

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL** held on 28 January 2016 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor Julie Hill (In the Chair)

Councillors P Bayliss (Derby City Council), G Birkin (Derbyshire County Council) (substitute Member), G Claff (High Peak Borough Council), S Ellis (Derbyshire County Council), C Hart (Erewash Borough Council), P Murray (South Derbyshire District Council), J Orton (Amber Valley Borough Council), L Robinson (North East Derbyshire District Council) and J Whitby (Derby City Council) and K Jackson-Horner (Independent Member) and V Newbury (Independent Member)

Also in attendance: R Appleby (Deputy 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 members of their support staff were also present.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors R Bright (Derbyshire Dales District Council), J Frudd (Derbyshire County Council), C Ludlow (Chesterfield Borough Council), J McCabe (High Peak Borough Council), K Morgan (Derbyshire County Council) and K Reid (Bolsover District Council).

01/16 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel held on 19 November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

02/16 **PROPOSED PRECEPT FOR 2016/17** Alan Charles, Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, presented to the Panel his proposed precept for the forthcoming financial year in accordance with the duty under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The Commissioner informed the Panel of his proposal to issue a precept increase of 1.99%, which equated to an increase of £3.46 per year to the current Band D precept of £173.61 and would give a Band D precept for 2016/17 of £177.07. The majority of households in Derbyshire were below Band D and an increase in the Band A precept would equate to an additional amount of £2.31 per year.

The net provisional Revenue Budget for 2016/17 was £162.427m and took into account government funding reductions of approximately £0.567m compared with 2015/16. This included a loss of £1.851m in government grant which was relocated (top sliced) to fund various initiatives, for example Police Innovation Fund, IPCC and HMIC funding, central direct entry scheme costs and

contributions to national major programmes. In addition an estimated £2m of funding was lost as a result of grant floor protection to other Commissioners.

The Commissioner was questioned in detail by Panel members with regard to his proposed precept increase.

RESOLVED to approve the proposed precept for 2016/17 without qualification or comment.

03/16 **POLICE AND CRIME PLAN – OBJECTIVE 4** The Police and Crime Commissioner provided the Panel with an update on “work to support local policing and maintain current strength, distributing resources into places of greatest need”.

The report gave an overview of how the Police and Crime Commissioner planned to deliver on the strategic objective and he outlined that this should be considered in conjunction with proposals for the budget and precept, which had also been under consideration at this meeting.

Details were given in relation to local policing and current strength as well as work being undertaken with victims and communities.

In October 2014 PCCs became responsible for commissioning victim services. Following work undertaken by the consultants, Cordis Bright, a commissioning strategy had been developed and contracts had been let for a number of areas of victim support work.

Additional work was underway to understand the levels of need and the types of services required for victims of sexual violence and victims of hate crime and specialist services for these areas would be commissioned in due course.

The PCC outlined that he worked with local authority partners to develop a Community Trigger. This enabled those who had been victim of anti-social behaviour and who were not happy with how partners had responded to be able to request a review of any action plans. Within the Community Trigger, the PCC had been given the role of appeal body for those who were not happy with Community Safety Partnership responses. To date the PCC had not received any appeals.

The Commissioner received regular updates from the force and community safety partners about new and emerging communities within Derbyshire and any tensions associated with these communities. In the past 12 months the PCC had attended a number of meetings around the emerging communities agenda. Noteworthy amongst these had been the work in the Shirebrook area of the County where issues between the local population and members of the Eastern European community who either lived or worked locally were raised.

As part of the community grants that that office of the Police and Crime Commissioner had given out, a number of projects relating to community responses to local issues had been supported financially.

RESOLVED to note the report.

04/16 **PERFORMANCE REPORT** Members were informed of the challenge and scrutiny of the forces performance from the most recent Police and Crime Commissioners 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 December 2015 the PCC received the Chief Officers' scorecards and associated narrative.

Copies of the internal performance report then went to the December 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 Panel members information was the digest of PCC decisions taken since the last meeting.

It was noted that the Derbyshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner had recently been awarded an OPCC transparency quality mark from COPACC (Compares Police and Crime Commissioners) for its work on ensuring transparency within its work, including the publication of decision making.

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

RESOLVED to note the update performance report.

05/16 **RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTION TO THE EAST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL NETWORK** The Director of Legal Services of Derbyshire County Council asked members to consider the proposal to renew the subscription to the support network for East Midlands Police and Crime Panels for 2016/17.

Members were reminded that in 2014, East Midlands Councils supported Frontline Consulting in the establishment of an East Midlands Police and Crime Panel Network. The aim of the network was to give representatives of the Panels the opportunity to link up on a regional basis with other Police and Crime Panels and explore issues of common interest, exchange information and share good practice.

In January 2014 the Panel had agreed to join the network at a cost of £500 and review its membership on an annual basis. During 2015, Derbyshire Panel Members had benefited from the national conference which was held in July 2015 and the ability to share good practice. The consensus from subscribing members was that the Network was very helpful and useful with some participants noting particularly that Frontline Consulting's nationwide experience and knowledge of PCP's was very valuable.

Frontline Consultants proposals for operating the network in 2016/17 were appended to the report and it was very similar to the current model of working and at the same rate of £500 a year. The cost would be met by the Police and Crime Panel grant, funded by the Home Office.

RESOLVED to approve that Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel renew its membership of the East Midlands Police and Crime Panel Network for 2016/17.

06/16 **FORTHCOMING EVENTS** It was noted that a meeting of the East Midlands Police and Crime Panel Network was taking place on 12 February 2016 in Melton Mowbray and V Newbury, Vice Chair, had agreed to attend and represent the Panel and provide feedback as appropriate.

The Police and Crime Commissioner confirmed that he was shortly to meet with Keith Vaz at the Home Affairs Select Committee.

07/16 **PROPOSED TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2016/17** It was proposed that the Police and Crime Panel table of meetings be as follows:-

- Thursday 26 May 2016
- Thursday 14 July 2016
- Thursday 15 September 2016
- Thursday 17 November 2016
- Thursday 26 January 2017 – Precept Meeting
- Thursday 16 February 2017 - Second Precept Meeting (if veto exercised)
- Thursday 23 March 2017.

Meetings would normally commence at 11am at County Hall, Matlock.

It was recognised that there needed to be a degree of flexibility with any work plan in progress and that the panel should note it would be possible to vary the timetable throughout the year should pressing matters arise.

In addition to the above meetings a principle role of the Panel would be to conduct confirmation hearings to the Police and Crime Commissioners senior appointments. Where notification of these appointments was made the panel must review the senior appointment and make a report to the Police and Crime Commissioner within a period of 3 weeks.

RESOLVED to approve the timetable of meetings for 2016/17 subject to the potential changes to dates indicated above.

08/16 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** **RESOLVED** to note that the next meeting of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel would take place on Thursday 24 March 2016 at 11am at County Hall, Matlock.