

## **WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

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### **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2017 AT COMMITTEE ROOM 6, CIVIC OFFICE, EUCLID ST, SWINDON SN1 2JH.**

#### **Present:**

Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Jonathon Seed,  
Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr John Smale, Cllr Abdul Amin, Cllr Junab Ali, Cllr Alan Bishop, Cllr  
Caryl Sydney-Smith, Cindy Creasy and Chris Henwood

#### **Also Present:**

Angus Macpherson – Police & Crime Commissioner  
Kieran Kilgallen – OPPC  
Carolyn Filmore – OPCC

Kevin Fielding – Wiltshire Council

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#### **42 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the offices of Swindon Borough Council.

#### **43 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Hutton – Wiltshire Council.

#### **44 Minutes and matters arising**

##### **Decision:**

- **The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 September 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**It was noted that Cllr Caryl Sydney-Smith – Swindon Borough Council was in attendance at this meeting.**

#### 45 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 46 **Chairman's Announcements**

- PCP Conference – That a National Association of PCPs was slowly coming together as a Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association.
- Police and Fire Collaboration at the PCP Conference, LGA position on business cases for closer working and mergers – Thanks to Cllr Jonathon Seed for bringing the information to the attention of the PCP.
- Member survey of CPT implementation – There seemed to be some technical difficulty with this survey. News is awaited.

#### 47 **Public Participation**

Mr Paul Sunners, a Swindon resident raised the following question with the Commissioner:

***Following Wiltshire Police recently receiving a 'Good' efficiency inspection rating, the admission that it had 'taken its eye off the ball' in relation to the 44% increase in burglaries across the Force area over the past three years, served as a brave admission and one that rightly merits scrutiny.***

***In reviewing the strategic police response to the serious crime of burglary, can the PCC advise what steps had now been taken by Wiltshire Police which will reassure public confidence in relation to the ability of Wiltshire Police to respond appropriately to such serious criminal activity?***

It was agreed that the OPPC would provide a written answer to Mr Sunner.

#### 48 **Impact of 2017 Police Officer Pay Award**

The report contained in the agenda pack was noted.

It was agreed that Clive Barker – Chief Finance Officer, OPPC would contact the Chairman to discuss and clarify the detail of the report.

## 49 Quarterly data (Q2)- Performance & Risk

The Commissioner outlined a report setting out his quarterly performance data – (Q2) 1 July – 30 September 2017 contained in the agenda pack.

Points made included:

- PEEL Efficiency - The inspection was carried out earlier this year by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services.
- For the third year in a row, Wiltshire Police had been assessed as good in the efficiency with which it keeps people safe and reduces crime.
- The inspectors recognised that the Force had a good understanding of the demand for its services; that it uses its resources well to manage that demand and that its plans for meeting future demand are also judged to be good.
- The report notes that 'there were sometimes delays in answering non-emergency calls to the Force control room' and that this was an area for improvement, which we had discussed with the panel. I had agreed with Chief Constable Mike Veale that £250,000 should be invested to increase the number of staff in the crime and communications centre to address the issue of people calling 101 hanging up whilst held in a queue.

Performance Report (Q2) 1 July – 30 September 2017

The report was noted.

Points made included:

- Information published in iQuanta and ForceSight (a Microsoft Excel analytical product that compares forces on a regional and national scale) shows that all 43 forces have seen an increase in crime recording when comparing the 12 months to September 2016 with the 12 months to September 2017.
- Wiltshire had seen a 9.2 per cent increase in the volume of crime reported in the 12 months to September 2017. This percentage change was less than the regional and national positions which were 11.4 per cent and 15.4 per cent respectively.
- The recorded crime rate per 1,000 population for Wiltshire in the year to September 2017 was 61.38 crimes. This was lower than most similar group (MSG) peers average of 65.56 crimes per 1000 population.

- Wiltshire continued to see an increase in crime reported year on year. However, the rate of increase is slower than that of the MSG and the whole of England and Wales. Wiltshire's rate of increase and direction of travel was visibly plateauing compared with an increasing trend for the MSG and the whole of England and Wales.
- The new performance dashboard was noted.
- Commissioner's Monitoring Board – The panel were advised that agendas and minutes of these meetings were available on the Wiltshire Police web site.

Deep Dive – Protect the most vulnerable in society - Delivery Plan 2017-21  
The report was noted.

Risk Register – Quarter Two 2017-18  
The report was noted.

The Chairman thanked the Commissioner for his report.

## 50 **Member Questions**

Questions to the Commissioner, (as part of the agenda pack) were noted by the Panel.

## 51 **Forward Work Plan**

The Forward Work Plan was noted.

## 52 **Future meeting dates**

The next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel will be on Thursday 18 January 2018 at City Hall, Salisbury.

Future meeting dates were:

- 1 February 2018 – Monkton Park, Chippenham
- 22 March 2018 – Corn Exchange, Devizes
- 14 June 2018 - Corn Exchange, Devizes
- 27 September – County Hall, Trowbridge
- 6 December 2018 – Civic Offices, Swindon

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 12.45 pm)

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