

WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2018 AT ALAMEIN SUITE - CITY HALL, MALTHOUSE LANE, SALISBURY, SP2 7TU.

Present:

Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Junab Ali, Cllr Alan Bishop, Cindy Creasy,
Cllr Ross Henning, Chris Henwood, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Jonathon Seed and
Cllr Caryl Sydney-Smith

Also Present:

Angus Macpherson – Police & Crime Commissioner
Kieran Kilgallen – OPCC
Clive Barker – OPCC
Naji Dawish – OPCC

Emily Higson – Wiltshire Council
Kevin Fielding – Wiltshire Council

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Abdul Amin – Swindon Borough Council, Cllr
Anna Cuthbert – Wiltshire Council and Cllr John Smale – Wiltshire Council.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Chairman's Announcements

- That Chief Constable Mike Veale had been successful at interview as the preferred candidate for Chief Constable for Cleveland Police (subject to confirmation from their Police and Crime Panel) which he had accepted.

4 **Public Participation**

The following question was raised with the Commissioner:

“What would the 1.1m payment from the Home Office to Wiltshire Police re the Edward Heath investigation be used for”?

Answer: Frontline policing.

5 **PCC Budget 2018/19 and MTFS**

Clive Barker gave a short presentation that outlined the PCC’s Draft Budget Settlement for 2018/19, including the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Points made included:

- That In November 2017, the initial Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) was produced and reviewed at the Commissioner’s Monitoring Board. The MTFS looked at the estimated financial position of the PCC over the next 4 years and the impact this had on the Commissioner’s ability to commission services. It acknowledged the fact that decisions the Commissioner would make today would impact his finances over the medium and long term. At this stage, assuming central government rules surrounding the capping of all parts of Council Tax would remain in place i.e. any planned increase above 2% would require a referendum.
- On the 19 December 2017 the provisional settlement was received. This was significantly different from that expected. Due to the significant changes, a new revised MTFS was still in development.
- The initial MTFS was included as an appendix in the agenda pack; however it was noted that these funding assumptions were based on a 1.9% precept cap and a lower level of central government grant. It was important to note that the report would show the funding expected post the provisional settlement so would not match those reported in the initial MTFS.

The Settlement

The following police relevant information was announced in the December settlement;

- A cash flat central government Police Revenue Grant funding for 2018-19.

- The raising of the policing element of council tax (policing precept) threshold for a referendum to £12 per annum. For Wiltshire this provided flexibility to increase the police part of the precept by 7%.

Policing element of Council Tax Options

Currently considering three options for the policing precept;

- Option A – Not to increase the precept (0% increase)
- Option B – To increase the precept by 1.9%
- Option C – To increase the precept by £12 per annum (7%)

It agreed that the OPCC would endeavour to provide statistics of the consultation at the PCP at the 22 March meeting.

The Chairman thanked Clive Barker for his presentation.

6 Member Questions

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

It was agreed that responses to any outstanding questions would be provided at the 22 March 2018 meeting.

7 Forward Work Plan

The Forward Work Plan was noted.

8 Future meeting dates

The next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel will be on 1 February 2018 at Monkton Park, Chippenham.

Future meeting dates were:

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

9 Close

The Chairman thanked the Commissioner, OPPC and PCP members for attending the meeting.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 12.10 pm)

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