

WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT KENNET ROOM - WILTSHIRE COUNCIL OFFICES, COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE.

Present:

Cllr Junab Ali, Cllr Abdul Amin, Mamie Beasant, Cllr Alan Bishop, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Sue Evans (Substitute), Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Brian Mathew, Anna Richardson, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr John Smale and Cllr Caryl Sydney-Smith

Also Present:

Angus Macpherson – Police & Crime Commissioner
Kieran Kilgallen – OPCC
Clive Barker - OPPC
Ryan Hartley – OPCC
Prof Allan Johns – OPCC

Kevin Fielding – Wiltshire Council

57 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Hutton (Cllr Sue Evan subbing)

58 Minutes and matters arising

Decision:

- **The minutes of the meetings held on the 14 June and 1 August 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

59 Declarations of interest

Anna Richardson declared an interest as she was a former Special Constable with an ongoing compensation claim against Wiltshire Police.

60 **Chairman's Announcements**

Appointment of Co-opted Independent Members

Co-opted Independent Members of the Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel were appointed for a four year term, the term for the previous two co-opted members came to an end over the summer of 2018 and a fresh appointment process was undertaken.

Decision

- **That the Police and Crime Panel agrees with the recruitment panel recommends that Anna Richardson and Mamie Beasant be appointed Independent Co-opted Members of the Panel for a 4 year term.**

It was noted that Wiltshire Police would be interviewing candidates for the post of Chief Constable. Interviews would take place on Monday 26 November. It was planned that the PCP would hold a Confirmation Hearing some five days later.

61 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

62 **PCC Annual Report**

The PCP were asked to approve the draft version of the PCC Annual Report 2017-18.

The report (contained in the agenda pack), outlined annual financial information and aspects of the Commissioner's statutory functions.

It identifies the highlights of the year, areas to improve, progress against his plan and future challenges and opportunities.

The Chairman advised that he felt the document was an attractive document to read – a step forward – and he was pleased to see that most of his suggestions on the draft had been adopted in this final version.

It was felt that the report should perhaps flag up some of the Force's successes, such as the benefits of the sales of property confiscated from criminals.

The report was noted and recommended for publication.

63 **Quarterly data (Q1)**

The Commissioner outlined a report setting out his quarterly performance data – Quarter One 2018-19 (1 April to 30 June 2018) contained in the agenda pack.

Points made included:

- That there were 10,916 crimes recorded during quarter one and 43,646 in the 12 months to June 2018.
- This represented an increase of 1,112 recorded crimes (2.6 per cent) compared to the previous 12 months.
- The recorded crime rate per 1,000 population for Wiltshire in the year to June 2018 is 60.9 crimes. This was below the most similar group (MSG) average of 69.5 crimes per 1,000 population and was statistically lower than peers
- That Wiltshire had the 2nd lowest homicide rate and 3rd lowest most serious violence rate in the country.
- That Wiltshire was lower than average with respect to robbery, knife and gun crime, ranked 20th, 17th and 18th respectively.
- That the recent Salisbury and Amesbury incidents had cost Wiltshire Police some 10m, some funding would be received from Central Government to offset this. The commissioner was pursuing this matter.

Members asked if the Hate Crime spike referred to in the report was Brexit related and what were Wiltshire Police's plans for the possible loss of the European crime database after Brexit. The Commissioner advised that conversations were happening at operational level re these issues.

The Chairman advised that he found the section "General confidence in the Police" confusing. Kieran Kilgallen advised that more information would be provided by the OPPC to clarify this section.

The Chairman thanked the OPPC for the report.

64 **Deep dive into Priority 1**

Deep Dive section on Police and Crime Priorities - Priority 1 - Prevent Crime and keep people safe.

The Commissioner outlined the report, which was contained in the agenda pack.

Points made included:

- That the take up of Community Messaging had been slower than anticipated.
- That some 350 Special Constables was now the resourced level. The force would continue to recruit and replace as specials went on to become regular officers.

Cllr Jonathon Seed raised the question, as to why the Commissioner had attended only a small number of Wiltshire Council Area Boards. The Commissioner advised that a Deputy Commissioner had now been appointed to help with his workload and increase the OPCC presence at Area Boards etc.

Cllr Junab Ali made the point that he felt the Commissioner had made the effort to have a presence in Swindon and other areas.

The Chairman thanked the Commissioner for the report.

65 **Budget Monitoring report/PCC Risk Register/Complaints Report**

Budget Monitoring Report

- The report was noted.

PCC Risk Register

- After discussion the report was noted.

Complaints Report

- The report was noted.

It was felt that the report could be more readable and useful to panel members if it wasn't filled with redactions. The Chairman hoped that a way could be found to make future report more readable to the panel members.

The Community Policing Team Resource Framework report was noted.

The Chairman advised that this would be the subject of a detailed paper and discussion at the December meeting.

- The report was noted.

The Chairman thanked Clive Barker and Prof Allan Johns for their reports.

66 **Member questions**

The report was noted.

67 **Forward Work Plan**

The Forward Work Plan was noted.

68 **Future meeting dates**

- The next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel will be on 6 December 2018 – Civic Offices, Swindon

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 1.00 pm)

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