

WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING HELD ON 1 FEBRUARY 2018 AT COMMITTEE ROOM A - COUNCIL OFFICES, MONKTON PARK, CHIPPENHAM SN15 1ER.

Present:

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

Also Present:

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

Emily Higson – Wiltshire Council
Kevin Fielding – Wiltshire Council

10 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

11 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

12 Chairman's Announcements

- The Chairman advised that Mike Veale's appointment as the Chief Constable for Cleveland Police had been given the green light by the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel.

Kier Pritchard had been appointed temporary Chief Constable for a twelve month period. The Commissioner advised that he wished to

recruit the permanent Chief Constable in a measured manner, and appoint the right person.

The Chairman raised concerns that he felt that it was likely that the temporary Chief Constable would be appointed as the permanent Chief Constable.

The Chairman invited Kier Pritchard to the March PCP meeting.

Cllr Anna Cuthbert expressed her thanks to Mike Veal for his thirteen years service to Wiltshire Police, and the positive contribution that he had made to policing in Wiltshire. This was echoed by the Chairman and Commissioner.

13 Public Participation

There was no Public Participation.

14 Formal consideration of PCC Precept proposal

The Commissioner explained that in January 2018 he had presented to the Panel a paper which outlined his thinking surrounding the 2018-19 budget.

Naji Darwish outlined the precept consultation process. It was noted that this consultation had received a much better response than previous consultations. It was hoped that a report covering the statistics from the consultation would be included as part of the Q1 report covered at the March meeting.

The paper, which also included a copy of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), reported that a £12 increase in the Police part of the Band D Precept (a 7% increase) was appropriate. This would result in the Band D police part of the precept rising from £170.27 to £182.27 in 2018-19.

The PCP thanked Clive Barker for the content of the MTFS report.

The Police and Crime Panel were given the opportunity to discuss the Commissioner's proposals, after which a vote on the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposed Council Tax precept for the year 2018-19 was taken.

The PCP advised the Commissioner that they felt that local money should be used to fund local frontline policing. That the public of Wiltshire would expect to see an increase in police visibility.

It was agreed that the OPCC would produce a report showing the current CPT structure and the establishment attached to each CPT as a baseline against which future comparisons might be made. This would enable the Panel to seek

assurance that the CPT resources were being protected by funds derived from a precept increase.

Decision

- **Option C – To approve the increase in the police precept by £12 per annum (7%) as requested by the Commissioner**
- **That the Band D police part of the precept rising from £170.27 to £182.27 in 2018-19.**

The Chairman thanked the Commissioner for his report.

15 Member Questions

The current outstanding member questions were noted.

16 Forward Work Plan

The Forward Work Plan was noted with the addition that the new temporary Chief Constable would be invited to attend the 22 March PCP meeting.

17 Future meeting dates

- 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 - 11.45 am)

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