

WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2016 AT SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICES, EUCLID ST, SWINDON SN1 2JH.

Present:

Cllr Junab Ali, Cllr Abdul Amin, Alan Bishop, Cllr Richard Britton (Chairman),
Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Chris Caswill, Cindy Creasy, Chris Henwood, Cllr Peter Hutton,
Cllr Gordon King, Cllr John Smale and Cllr Sydney-Smith

Also Present:

Angus Macpherson – Police & Crime Commissioner
Kieran Kilgallen – OPCC
Ryan Hartley – OPCC
Carolyn Filmore – OPCC
Naji Dawish – OPCC

Emily Higson – Wiltshire Council
Kevin Fielding – Wiltshire Council

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Julian Johnson. (Cllr Tony Trotman sub).

2 Minutes and matters arising

Decision:

- **The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 September 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

- The Chairman advised that in order to try and keep business manageable at future meetings panel members were encouraged to forward written questions to Emily Higson, who would then liaise with the OPPC for responses.

5 **Public Participation**

There was none.

6 **Quarterly data (Q2)- Performance / Risk / Finance / Complaints**

The Commissioner outlined a report setting out his quarterly performance data – Quarter Two 2016-17 (1 July to 30 September 2016).

Points made included:

- There were 10,640 crimes recorded during quarter two.
- In the 12 months to September 2016, 39,158 crimes were recorded. This represented an increase of 12 per cent on the previous 12 months.
- Wiltshire's position was not statistically an exception with the crime rate per 1,000 population and also percentage increase both being in line with national average.
- Nationally, there continued to be an increase in recorded crime, with the latest Crime Survey of England and Wales (CSEW)¹ citing a seven per cent increase in police recorded crime in the 12 months to June 2016.
- Cllr Ali advised that he been made aware of incidents of break ins and burglaries of domestic premises in the Turkish community living in West Swindon. The Turkish residents felt that the Police were not taking these incidents seriously. *The Commissioner advised that he would follow this matter up.*

Deep Dive – Raising Awareness of Significant Topics

The report was noted.

Risk Register – Quarter Two 2016-17 (1 July to 30 September 2016).

After discussion the report was noted.

The Chairman thanked the Commissioner for his report.

7 Recruitment of Special Constables - update

Kieran Kilgallen presented a written report which provided a brief update on progress to date with the recruitment of Special Constables.

Points made included:

- The recruitment website www.wiltshirepolicespecials.co.uk is live and was providing the link between the marketing strategy and the on-line selection process.
- The phase 1 training website was also live and being used by cohort 1 of the new Special Constables intake.
- The project team had facilitated two Experience Days (ED's) which included the job-related fitness test, a literacy test, a group exercise, DNA testing and the medical. Overall the feedback, internal and from candidates, had been very positive with a few tweaks being made.
- The ED's had delivered the following: 61 successful candidates of which 44 are male and 17 female. The total includes 7 BME candidates which represents 11.48% of the total; the project aim is 5% BME candidates.
- The first cohort had completed the induction day and commenced training. The cohort 2 induction event took place in October.
- The project had so far secured over 200 expressions of interest (EOI) to become Special Constables.

The Chairman thanked Kieran Kilgallen for his update.

8 Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board

Kieran Kilgallen presented a written report on progress at the WCJB in reducing the incidence of cracked and defective trials and enhancing the victim and witness experience.

The Chairman had asked that, as the Chief Constable now chaired the Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board, had there been any progress with reducing the number of cracked and defective trials at both Magistrates and High Court. This information had previously been received by the Panel in the context of the routine performance report. The Chairman asked for a report showing cracked and defective trials monthly for the past two years.

The matter had been raised through the WCJB on several occasions with the Head of Crime from the South West, Enzo Riglia. Losing the key members of staff meant that they could not replicate the data with the same level of context. Mr Riglia had said that he was liaising with the National Courts Team to try and obtain a monthly report for Wiltshire. His response was currently awaited.

The Chairman thanked Kieran Kilgallen for his update and once again highlighted the uncertain future of the Chippenham Magistrates Court and the pressing need to redevelop the Swindon Magistrates Court.

9 **Tri-Force collaboration programme**

Kieran Kilgallen gave a brief verbal update.

Points made included:

- That the group had recently met.
- That Avon and Somerset Police had withdrawn from the programme, Wiltshire would continue to work with Gloucestershire.
- That the programme had now been put on hold for six months.
- That Gloucestershire and Wiltshire forces would now look at developing a joint cloud based IT system.

It was agreed that a further update would given at the January 2017 meeting.

The Chairman thanked Kieran Kilgallen for his update.

10 **Task group updates**

There was nothing to update.

11 **Commissioner's Blog**

The Commissioner's Blog was noted.

12 **Forward Work Plan**

The Forward Work Plan was noted.

13 **Future meeting dates**

Future meeting dates were noted as:

- Wednesday 11 January 2017 – County Hall, Trowbridge – 10am-2pm
- Thursday 2 February 2017 – Monkton Park Offices, Chippenham - 10am-2pm
- Thursday 2 March 2017 – City Hall, Salisbury- 10am-2pm
- Thursday 29 June 2017 – Corn Exchange, Devizes - 10am-2pm
- Thursday 7 September 2017 – County Hall, Trowbridge - 10am-2pm
- Wednesday 7 December 2017 – Swindon Borough Council Offices - 10am-2pm

(Duration of meeting: 10.00 am - 12.40 pm)

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