

WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING
HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2015 AT ROOM 1, CIVIC OFFICE, EUCLID ST,
SWINDON SN1 2JH.**

Present:

Cllr Abdul Amin, Cllr Glenis Ansell, Cllr Andrew Bennett, Alan Bishop,
Cllr Richard Britton (Chairman), Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Chris Caswill, Cindy Creasy,
Cllr Charles Howard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Julian Johnson and Cllr Teresa Page

Also Present:

Angus Macpherson – Police & Crime Commissioner
Kieran Kilgallen – OPPC
Clive Barker - OPPC
Ryan Hartley – OPCC
Prof Allan Johns – OPCC
Naji Darwish - OPCC
Emily Higson – Wiltshire Council
Henry Powell – Wiltshire Council
Kevin Fielding – Wiltshire Council

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Robin Townsend – Associate Director, Wiltshire Council and Chris Henwood –
Independent member, Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel.

2 Minutes and matters arising

Decision:

- **The minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2015 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**

Political make up of Wiltshire Council -The Chairman advised that due to a recent change in the political make up of Wiltshire Council members the panel would gain a conservative member and lose a liberal democrat member.

Tone from the Top – The Chairman advised that Emily Higson would be preparing a summary of the recommendations, an informal meeting could then be arranged for the panel to discuss these recommendations and the Panel's performance generally.

5 **Public Participation**

There was none.

6 **Comprehensive Spending Review**

Clive Barker – Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner gave a brief summary of the impacts of the CSR on police funding.

Points made included:

- That Wiltshire Police were one of the lowest funded forces in the country, which meant that it was vital that its funds were spent effectively.
- That the CSR was better for Wiltshire than expected but there were concerns over possible top sliced cuts in the future.
- Issues with National Insurance contributions meant that Wiltshire Police would have to pay higher contributions which would impact on its budget.

The Chairman thanked Clive Barker for his summary.

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

The Commissioner introduced a report setting out his quarterly performance data – Quarter Two 2015-16 (1 April to 30 September 2015).

Points made included:

- Encouraging victims to report crime.
- More partnership working with Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council.
- A force that was effective and value for money.
- That Wiltshire Police were looking at a major step change to the way that crime was recorded.

The report was reviewed in detail.

1.Prevent Crime and ASB

- Recorded crime within England and Wales increased by 4.5%. 34 forces are recording more crime than the previous year.
- Recorded crime within Wiltshire had increased by 2.4%. This equates to 768 crimes with a total of 33,397 recorded.

2.Protect the most vulnerable in society

- That around four instances per month were occurring of people with mental health issues having to be housed in police custody (cells) for their own safety.
- Excellent work being carried out at the Multi Agency Service Hub (MASH).

3.Put victims and witnesses at the heart of everything we do

- That the resolution rate at the end of the second quarter was 21.8 per cent. This remains significantly below the average of our peer group.
- That the force was looking to increase the number of victims supported by the Horizon project.
- That of the trials listed during the second quarter 2015/16 49 per cent were cracked or ineffective. This was frustrating, with too many trials scheduled and not enough time to conduct them.

Concerns were again raised over the future of Chippeham magistrates court, the Chairman requested that the Commissioner adds the Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel's concerns when making any representations on this issue.

4. Secure, high quality, efficient and trusted services

- That the volume of complaints recorded remains relatively stable and within expected levels.
- Wiltshire Police was one of six forces within the MSF group that had seen a fall in the number of complaint cases recorded when compared to the previous year.
- In early September 2015 there were in excess of 300 complaint cases still showing as either 'live', 'sub judice' or 'in appeal process'. Professional Standards Department (PSD) investigating officers were tasked to concentrate on the oldest cases to clear the backlog. By mid-October the volume of cases that were 'live', 'sub judice' or 'in appeal process' was reduced to 158 cases.

Wiltshire & Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) Risk Register 2015-16

The Risk Register was noted.

The Chairman thanked the Commissioner for his report.

8 **Complaints and Conduct Matters - 1 May to 31 October 2015**

The report was noted, the Chairman made the point that the new report format was working well.

It was agreed that Kieran Kilgallen would pull together a report which would summarise any Wiltshire Police racial complaints/incidents.

9 **Strategic Alliance with Avon & Somerset**

Kieran Kilgallen gave an update on the Strategic Alliance between Wiltshire and Avon and Somerset Police constabularies.

Points made included:

- That Avon & Somerset Police were recruiting for a new Chief Constable and that Angus Macpherson would be sitting on the recruitment panel for this appointment.
- That the Avon & Somerset and Wiltshire forces were now looking at which business cases should be brought forward in the process.

The Chairman made the point that the Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel were keen to initiate involvement with Avon & Somerset and be involved in future discussions, it was agreed that Kieran Kilgallen would discuss this with Avon & Somerset.

The Chairman thanked Kieran Kilgallen for his update.

10 **Task Group Updates**

PCC Commissioning Strategy Task Group

It was agreed that a task group would be formed to support the Commissioner in the development of a commissioning strategy, by:

- acting as a 'critical friend'
- providing an external perspective
- ensuring the Strategy supports the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan

The membership was agreed as:

- Cllr Andrew Bennett
- Cllr Richard Britton
- Cindy Creasy

Call Centre Task Group

There was a short discussion, it was felt that a task group could perhaps look at any potential for local authority involvement in dealing with some 101 calls etc.

It was agreed further discussion would be needed.

11 **STOP progress update**

Kieran Kilgallen advised:

- That the pilot would be evaluated during February 2016, and would then be rolled out county wide from June 2016 onwards.

- That the benefits were that recorded incidents could now go through the police system in a more timely manner, cutting down officer involvement and wasted time and resources.
- Scope for PCSOs to get more involved in the day to day police work, although specialist staff were still a very much a part of the incident process.

It was agreed that Kieran Kilgallen would give a further up date at the March 2016 meeting.

The Chairman thanked Kieran Kilgallen for his update.

12 **PCC Diary report**

The report was noted.

That the Portishead firing range was now operational.

The Chairman invited the panel members to visit the Devizes call centre.

13 **Forward Work Plan**

The Forward Work Plan was noted.

14 **Future meeting dates**

The next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel will be on Wednesday 13 January 2016 at Monkton Park, Chippenham.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 1.50 pm)

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