

WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2013 AT CIVIC CENTRE, ST STEPHENS PLACE, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8AH.

Present:

Cllr Abdul Amin, Cllr Glenis Ansell, Cllr Andrew Bennett, Cllr Richard Britton (Chairman), Cllr Brian Ford (Vice Chairman), Malcolm Grubb, Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Peter Hutton, Amanda Newbery and Cllr Linda Packard

Also Present:

Cllr Trevor Carbin

14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Charles Howard and Cllr Teresa Page.

15 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced that the dates of the March 2014 and September 2014 meetings had been moved to align with the OPCC performance data.

The new dates were:

Thursday 6 March 2014, 2.00 pm, venue TBC

Thursday 4 September 2014, 2.00 pm venue TBC

With the agreement of the Panel the Chairman added iQuanta to the agenda.

A discussion around the role and work of the Panel highlighted the need to have a communications strategy, and it was agreed that public relations would be added to the agenda of next formal Panel meeting on 26 November 2013. The Panel decided to issue an Annual report detailing what the Panel had done, was doing and intended to do. This would be circulated to Area Boards, Localities and the press.

The Chairman informed the Panel that an informal regional PCP chair's meeting had taken place, at which they had agreed to write to the minister raising their concern over the regular meetings taking place with commissioners but with no similar meetings taking place with PCPs. It was agreed that this letter would be circulated to Panel members.

The Panel agreed that the Chairman should suggest to the Commissioner that a monthly informal meeting be set up, and a summary of those discussions circulated to members.

16 **Public Participation**

There were no questions asked or statements given.

17 **Approach to the scrutiny of the Police and Crime Commissioner's delivery of his Police and Crime Plan**

The Panel discussed its approach to scrutiny of the Commissioner's Police and Crime plan. It identified that some areas were more complex than others, and decided that the first approach would be to identify an area which the public could relate to and that would be a rapid exercise and relationship builder.

18 **Scrutiny topics**

The following areas for scrutiny were suggested:

- Young People (engagement)
- Victim Support
- Licensing
- Special Constables
- Volunteers (recruitment, use of, fallback if insufficient forthcoming)
- Community engagement
- Crime reduction
- Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Funding decisions from PCC's £1m pot
- Handling of complaints against the PCC
- PCC/CSP relationships
- Vision Wiltshire

When discussing the topics the Panel agreed that, due to their complex nature, ASB and Vision Wiltshire would be added to the work plan but would not be the first topic for scrutiny.

The Panel noted the reliance on the volunteers and specials within the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan, and decided that this would be the first area of scrutiny.

19 **Scoping**

The Panel agreed that the Chairman would work with officers to produce a scoping document. This would be circulated to panel members and the PCC for comments.

The following members would make up the scrutiny task group:

Cllr Ansell
Cllr Bennett
Cllr Britton
Malcolm Grubb
Cllr Hutton

The first meeting of the task group would determine its timetable.

20 **iQuanta**

Some Panel members requested that they were not given access to iQuanta and it was agreed that access would only be given to Cllr Britton, Cllr Ford, Malcolm Grubb and Amanda Newbery.

The Panel noted the www.police.uk website which was a useful source of information.

(Duration of meeting: 1.05 - 2.45 pm)

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