

WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2017 AT COMMITTEE ROOM A - COUNCIL OFFICES, MONKTON PARK, CHIPPENHAM SN15 1ER.

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 Julian Johnson, Cllr John Smale and Sydney-Smith

Also Present:

Angus Macpherson – Police & Crime Commissioner
Clive Barker - OPPC
Carolyn Filmore – OPCC
Kevin Fielding – Wiltshire Council

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Caryl Sydney-Smith – Swindon Borough Council and Cllr Gordon King – Wiltshire Council.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Chairman's Announcements

- PCP Workshop – Thursday 23 February 2017 at the History Centre, Chippenham.

4 Public Participation

There was none.

5 **Formal consideration of PCC Precept proposal**

The Commissioner explained that in January 2017 he had presented to the Panel a paper which outlined his thinking surrounding the 2017-18 budget.

The paper, which also included a copy of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), reported that the Commissioner was thinking of increasing the Police part of the Band D Precept by 1.9% to £170.27, a £3.17 increase from the 2016-17 Police part of the Council Tax of £167.10.

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 2017-18 was taken.

Decision

- **That a precept of £42.458m be set.**
- **This would require council tax to be set on all property bands based on £170.27 for a Band D property.**
- **This represented a £3.17 (1.9%) increase on the 2016-17 level.**

It was agreed that a Deficit Savings report would be presented at the 29 June 2017 by the OPCC.

The Chairman thanked the Commissioner for his report.

6 **Victim Support Service (Horizon) update**

The Commissioner gave the Panel an update on the development of the Horizon Victim and Witness Care Unit.

Points made included:

- Horizon Victim and Witness Care Unit had been commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner with the support of the Ministry of Justice Victim Service Fund. The service became fully operational in April 2015 and was provided by Wiltshire Police.
- Over the last year referrals into Horizon had increased. As the team had become embedded and skills had developed Horizon had taken on more responsibility for victims of domestic abuse, victims of fraud and all victims of domestic burglary.

- The team were now dealing with around 450 cases per month, some of which had more than one victim.
- Over the next year the OPCC and Horizon team would be continuing to build on the success of Horizon, looking at the support available to victims of crime and continuing to link into a wider network of appropriate support services.

It was noted that Cllr Abdul Amin – SBC, felt that Swindon victims of crime were not getting the level of follow up from the Horizon service as other parts of Wiltshire. The Commissioner advised that he would follow this matter up.

PCP members also requested that statistics for non-Wiltshire residents using the Horizon service would be provided by the OPCC.

The Chairman thanked the Commissioner for his update.

7 Review of Community Policing

The Commissioner advised that the PCP's input would be welcomed in the review. An invitation was therefore given for the PCP to work with Naji Darwish, with Cllr Richard Britton heading up the PCP input.

During the discussion it was felt that a review of the methodology of the new policing model would be welcomed by the PCP.

The Chairman invited all members of the PCP to get involved in the review if they were able.

8 Member Questions

Two questions were raised by Cllr Richard Britten, (contained in the agenda pack) were noted, with replies awaited from the OPCC.

9 Forward Work Plan

The Forward Work Plan was noted with the following additions:

2 March 2017 meeting

- Police and Crime Plan.
- Review of Community Policing.

- Inter-Force Collaborations – services being commissioned during 2017/18.

29 June 2017 meeting

- Deficit savings report.

10 **Future meeting dates**

The next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel will be on Thursday 2 March 2017 at City Hall, Salisbury.

Future meeting dates were:

- Thursday 29 June 2017 – Corn Exchange, Devizes.
- Thursday 7 September 2017 – County Hall, Trowbridge.
- Wednesday 7 December 2017 – Swindon Borough Council Offices.

(Duration of meeting: 10.00 am - 12.00 pm)

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