

WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2016 AT WESSEX ROOM - THE CORN EXCHANGE, MARKET PLACE, DEVIZES, SN10 1HS.

Present:

Cllr Abdul Amin, Alan Bishop, Cllr Richard Britton (Chairman), Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Chris Caswill, Cindy Creasy, Cllr Charles Howard, Cllr Julian Johnson, Cllr Teresa Page and Cllr John Smale

Also Present:

Angus Macpherson – Police & Crime Commissioner
Kieran Kilgallen – OPCC
Chris McMullen – OPCC
Carolyn Filmore - OPCC
Emily Higson – Wiltshire Council
Kevin Fielding – Wiltshire Council

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Bennett, Cllr Peter Hutton and Mr Chris Henwood.

2 Minutes and matters arising

Decision:

- **The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4 February 2016 were signed as the correct record.**
- **It was noted that Cllr Teresa Page had attended the meeting held on Thursday 4 February 2016.**

3 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed new panel Member Cllr John Smale, and Cllr Sue Evans who was attending the meeting as an observer.

5 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

6 **Quarterly data (Q3)- Risk / Performance / Finance / Complaints**

The Commissioner introduced a report setting out his quarterly performance data – Quarter Three 2015 - 16 (1 April to 31 December 2015).

Points made included:

- Recorded Crime - Within Wiltshire this had increased by 8.8%. This equated to 2,830 crimes with a total of 34,959 recorded.

The main volume driver behind the increase was violence against the person (VAP) which represents an increase of 1,841 crimes. This was explained by improved recording practices following the crime data integrity inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) of which the results are reflected in the national research commissioned by Chief Constable Habgood.

- Satisfaction with Visibility - Within the most recent survey, 51 per cent (± 2.1 per cent) of respondents say they were satisfied with the level of police visibility. This proportion had been stable since autumn 2012. However the most recent wave saw a significant decrease in satisfaction with visibility.

Wiltshire police officers were now using shared offices more and more. The public do have a perception that they don't see the police on the streets anymore. More time than ever was in fact being spent on the beat.

- Outcome Rate - The outcome rate for the 12 months to December 2015 was 21.1 per cent. This remained significantly below the average of our peer group.

When comparing to other forces within the region, however, the outcome rate has a much closer distribution.

Cllr Caswill made the point that it wasn't likely to improve with the news that Chippenham Magistrate's Court was to close. Members felt that the Panel should support keeping the Chippenham Magistrate's Court open until the courts at Swindon had been refurbished.

Deep Dive - Putting victims and witnesses at the heart of everything we do

Naji Darwish presented the report.

The Panel requested that they receive an annual Horizon update report. It was agreed that would form part of the February 2017 agenda.

The Panel requested that they receive a report outlining Wiltshire Police's Stop & Search Scheme for the next PCP meeting.

The report was reviewed in detail and noted by the Panel.

Note: Cllr Caswill did not wish to note the report due to his concerns about issues raised in it.

Risk Register - The register was noted.

Note: Cllr Britton raised his displeasure that the Community Policing update had been pulled from the agenda at the OPCCs request because evaluation was still pending whilst the risk register appeared to indicate that an evaluation had already been carried out.

7 Strategic alliance with Avon & Somerset

Kieran Kilgallen gave a brief verbal update on progress made since the previous PCP meeting on the 4 February 2016.

Points made included:

- That the new Chief Constable of Avon & Somerset was yet to meet representatives of Wiltshire at the Strategic Alliance Board.

The Chairman requested that the PCP were informed of any outcomes of meetings with new Chief Constable of Avon & Somerset and representatives of Wiltshire at the Strategic Alliance Board.

The Chairman thanked Kieran Kilgallen for his update.

8 Task Group Updates

Strategic Alliance Task Group – That Cllr Richard Britton and Cllr Julian Johnson were due to meet with Julian Moss to discuss the strategy. A third panel member was sought to sit on this task group.

PCC Commissioning Strategy Task Group – That Cllr Richard Britton and Cindy Creasy had met with Naji Darwish to discuss a first draft.

Call Centre Task Group – Following his meeting with WC's cabinet member and Swindon's Leader, Cllr Richard Britton discovered that Wiltshire Council had signed a contract some 18 months ago which would mean that there was little point in a task group working on this topic. It was AGREED not to take this further.

Special Constables Task Group - Cllr Richard Britton advised that he would like to revisit the first report on this topic. It was agreed that Cllr Britton and Cindy Creasy would look at this.

9 PCC Diary report

The PCC Diary report was noted.

10 Forward Work Plan

The Forward Work Plan was noted.

The Panel requested that a report on drug use and enforcement across the county form part of a future deep dive report in the quarterly reporting.

The Panel requested that the OPCC provide them with information re the Police Reform Bill. Kieran Kilgallen advised that briefing material was available on this topic, and that OPCC would ensure that the panel members received this.

11 Future meeting dates

Future meeting dates:

- Thursday 16 June 2016 - Corn Exchange, Devizes.
- Thursday 1 September 2016 – City Hall, Salisbury.
- Wednesday 30 November 2016 – Swindon Borough Council Offices.

(Duration of meeting: 10:00am – 12:20pm)

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