

WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2016 AT YEOMAN ROOM - THE CORN EXCHANGE, MARKET PLACE, DEVIZES, SN10 1HS.

Present:

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

Also Present:

Angus Macpherson – Police & Crime Commissioner
Kieran Kilgallen – OPCC
Chris McMullen – OPCC
Allan Johns - OPCC
Carolyn Filmore – OPCC
Naji Dawish – OPCC
Robin Townsend – Wiltshire Council
Emily Higson – Wiltshire Council
Kevin Fielding – Wiltshire Council
David Line - member of the PCC & CC Independent Audit Committee

1 Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Cllr Richard Britton – Wiltshire Council was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Junab Ali – Swindon Borough Council was elected Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cindy Creasy and Cllr Chris Caswill – Wiltshire.

3 Minutes and matters arising

Decision:

- The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- It was noted that Naji Darwish – OPPC had been in attendance at the 3 March 2016 meeting.

4 Declarations of interest

It was noted that Cllr Peter Hutton was the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection, Wiltshire Council.

5 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed new panel members, Cllr Junab Ali – Swindon Borough Council, Cllr Gordon King – Wiltshire Council and Cllr Caryl Sydney-Smith – Swindon Borough Council.

Cllr John Adams - Chairman of the Dorset PCP was welcomed to the meeting.

6 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

7 PCC Annual Report 2015-16

The Commissioner introduced the PCC's annual performance report for the year 2015-16. The PCP was asked to note the draft annual report and to provide comments on the annual report.

The annual report was aimed for public audience and captured the highlights of the year and the commissioner's assessment of progress against his plan.

The annual report was structured around three sections:

- Section one provides the PCC's overall assessment of policing and community safety in Wiltshire incorporating the learning from inspections by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC), engagement with victims and local communities. This should be balanced and a

transparent assessment given, highlighting both the achievements and areas to improve.

- Section two identifies the strategic future challenges and opportunities in the coming years.
- Section three updates on the progress in delivering the P&C Plan by each priority and the future challenges and opportunities. The final section three provides an overview of financial information from 2015-16.

Questions and comments raised by the PCP.

- That the report appears to contain no mention of the PCP.
The point was noted.
- “That Wiltshire was safe and had a good police service that had a well-developed understanding of crime, was effective at preventing crime and carried out investigations which were generally good quality” – but good investigations are meaningless without good outcomes to back this up.
- How do you know that crime was being accurately recorded?
Home Office guide lines were now being adhered to, with HMIC inspections regularly being carried out. Wiltshire Police was aiming for 100% accuracy with its recording of crime figures.
- “The threats from crime and criminality are changing and Wiltshire Police needs to balance the complex demands that are placed on it. Protecting people from fraud, violence and cybercrime is presenting new challenges in how public agencies prevent, investigate and prosecute. I need to be assured that my priorities and resources are matched against the threats and risks we face. During 2016-17 when I refresh my P&C plan I will take advice from the Chief Constable on the priorities that require focus and I will balance resources accordingly” – This paragraph should be worded as more of a priority.
The point was noted.
- “I want to work with the newly invigorated Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board to develop the culture of collective responsibility and ownership for the entire victim journey and the performance of the entire system” - How do you envisage achieving this?
A Wiltshire strategy had now been drawn up which would improve the service that was supplied.
- Cyber Crime – How was Wiltshire dealing with this type of crime?

Wiltshire Police was working alongside other forces and agencies, educating the public on the dangers of cyber crime and good partnership working were the keys to tackling this new type of crime.

The Chairman thanked the Commissioner for his report.

8 Review of the Community Policing Pilot

The Commissioner introduced Mike Veale – Chief Constable, Wiltshire Police who gave a review of the background to the Community Policing Pilot which had been carried out in the Trowbridge and Warminster community areas.

Points made included:

- That Wiltshire Police couldn't continue to provide its current level of policing without doing some serious thinking on how it was able to provide good community policing during this period of austerity.
- The need to put victims of crime and witnesses first.
- To change the dialogue – listen more to people.
- The desire to re-design the way Wiltshire police worked – to move away from a rigid, one dimensional way of working.
- Putting the right people in the right place.
- The need to be more authentic in its way of policing.
- That police officers had bought into the new way of working.
- That the Community Policing project would inspire community confidence.
- That a culture change within the force would take 2-3 years, but it would be a real change for the better.

The Chairman thanked the Chief Constable for his presentation.

9 Quarterly data (Q4)- Risk / Performance / Finance / Complaints - including drugs information

The Commissioner outlined a report setting out his quarterly performance data – Quarter Four 2015 – 16.

- After discussion and questions the report was noted.

The Commissioner outlined a report setting out the Budget Monitoring Statement – Quarter Four 2015 – 16.

- The report was noted.

Allan Johns outlined a report setting out the Integrity and Complaints Appeals for the period 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016.

- The report was noted.

Risk Register – Quarter Four 2015 – 16.

- The report was noted.

The Chairman thanked the Commissioner for his report.

10 Strategic alliance with Avon & Somerset

The Chairman advised that the Strategic Alliance with Avon & Somerset had, with the inclusion of Gloucestershire, now become the Tri-Force Collaboration Program.

The Chairman requested from the OPCC a copy of the project plan for Tri-Force Collaboration Program as soon as it became available.

11 Police Reform Bill - key points and potential impacts

OPCC were thanked for this report which the Panel found helpful.

12 Task Group Updates

Strategic Alliance Task Group

- That the Strategic Alliance had now been replaced by the Tri-Force Collaboration Program.

Specials Task Group

- The target to recruit and retain 500 Special Constables was ambitious but welcomed.
- Bearing in mind the force's previous performance in recruiting and retaining Specials there were serious concerns whether this number could be retained over the longer term by the force.

13 PCC Diary report

The Commissioner's dairy report was noted.

14 Forward Work Plan

The Forward Work Plan was noted with the following:

- That a report on the work of the Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board should be added for June 2017.

15 Future meeting dates

- Thursday 1 September 2016 – City Hall, Salisbury.
- Thursday 1 December 2016 – Swindon Borough Council Offices.

(Duration of meeting: 2.30 - 5.10 pm)

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