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Police & Crime Panel for Lancashire

Monday, 8th March, 2021

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16. **Date of Next Meeting**
**Monday 5th July 2021 at 10am - AGM & Annual
Induction Session.**

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Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th December 2020

Present:

Chair

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Chorley Borough Council

Committee Members

Councillor Mohammed Khan, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Councillor Afrasaib Anwar, Burnley Borough Council
Councillor Munsif Dad, Hyndburn Borough Council
Councillor Keith Iddon, Lancashire County Council
Councillor Robert Boswell, Preston City Council
Councillor David Whipp, Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Simon Hore, Ribble Valley Borough Council
Councillor Sue Bibby, Ribble Valley Borough Council
Councillor Jackie Oakes, Rossendale Borough Council
Councillor James Flannery, South Ribble Borough Council
Councillor Gareth Dowling, West Lancs Borough Council
Councillor Roger Berry, Wyre Borough Council
Councillor Peter Le Marinel, Wyre Borough Council
Mimi-El-Khattan, Independent Co-opted Member

Also in attendance

- Clive Grunshaw, Police and Crime Commissioner
- Angela Harrison, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Steve Freeman, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Ian Dickinson, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Ashley Brown, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- David Fairclough, Secretary
- Asad Laher, Head of Governance and Legal
- Phil Llewellyn, Corporate and Democratic Lead

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair, Councillor Alistair Bradley welcomed all to the meeting, in particular the new Independent Co-opted Member, Mimi-El-Khattan, and advised how the remote meeting would operate. Apologies had been received from Councillors Robert Rigby, Thomas Threlfall and Ivan Taylor.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th September 2020

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th September 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were submitted.

4. Public Questions

No public questions had been received.

5. Recruitment of Chief Constable

The PCC verbally updated the Panel on the delayed recruitment process for the appointment of a new Chief Constable, which had been impacted by Covid-19, but could now continue. There were 5 exceptional candidates, with final interviews being held on 22nd December, and a Confirmation Hearing on 18th January 2021.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

6. Confirmation Hearings

A report was submitted that outlined the Confirmation Hearing process for the appointment of a new Chief Constable.

The Police and Crime Panel in order to carry out this function would meet for a Confirmation Hearing on the 18th January 2021. Prior to this, a private pre meeting for all members of the Panel will be held at 5.30 pm on 12th January 2021.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. Appointment of Independent Co-opted Members

The Secretary reminded Members that there remained a vacancy on the Panel, for the appointment of an Independent Co-opted Member, following the recent recruitment process, where Mimi- El-Khattan had been appointed.

Following discussion, the Panel concluded that rather than wait three months and advertise again, that the recruitment process commence as soon as possible.

RESOLVED – That the Secretary be requested to commence the recruitment process for another Independent Co-opted Member.

8. Performance Monitoring Report

The Commissioner presented his latest report, and particularly highlighted the Chancellor's recent Spending Review Statement, referencing the Public Sector Pay Freeze, additional £400m for recruitment of additional police officers nationally, and

that PCCs would be able to increase Council Tax on a Band D property by £15 without the requirement for a local referendum, which was an option he would have to consider.

The Commissioner received a number of questions and statements on his report, including the need to carefully consider applying the £15 increase on Council Tax, clarity on whether improved call performance for 101 calls was Covid related and had call volumes altered during the various lockdowns, the success of Virtual Pods, the impact on Courts, victims and witnesses as a result of Covid, in particular rape cases, concerns about a rise in Domestic Violence as a result of Covid, use of the £400m for extra officers and the current position relating to PCSOs and their importance.

The Commissioner in response advised that in terms of improved 101 performance, that call volumes were fluctuating, and whilst there had been a reduction in traditional crime, that there had been more ASB and Covid incidents, and that 999 calls remained a priority, but that improvements to the digital platform had also helped improve call wait times and customer experience. The move to Pods had let to more efficient and effective working and was considered a success. The Court system had been affected by Covid, and Nightingale Courts were dealing with the backlog, and the PCC outlined the work of Local Victim Services, the Police and the Criminal Justice System in supporting victims and witnesses, and work with CPS relating to rape cases. The Commissioner shared concerns about a spike in Domestic Violence due to Covid, figures did not show an impact at present, but it could be a longer term issue, and working with Local Victim Services and the Police, people would be encouraged to come forward if they were experiencing issues. In terms of the additional funding for Police Officers, Lancashire's share would be 150 officers, with a further 150 the year after, and there would be no spare funding to assist the budget in other areas. In relation to PCSOs, the PCC commented on their invaluable role and they would be protected as much as possible, but any reductions had been down to part funding being withdrawn by local councils as part of budget reductions, and that this area could be further discussed at the Finance Seminar on 9th December.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. Emergency Services Network

The Panel considered a report on options for scrutiny of the Emergency Services Network, following an article on this matter by Evan Morris, Vice Chairman of the National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels (NAPFCP).

It was suggested that if the Panel wished to scrutinise this area that this should be completed quickly in order that the Panel could better understand this area prior to scrutinising the PCCs budget proposals. Two options were presented, firstly to set up a Task and Finish Group to look at the matter, or secondly, to have a full Panel briefing session in early January 2021.

RESOLVED – That a full Panel briefing session be organised for early January 2021.

10. Independent Reviews of Deaths and Serious Incidents

A report was submitted asking Members to consider how it wanted to scrutinise the work of the PCC in relation to custody and how he held the Chief Constable to account for the operational running of custody. An independent review of this area had reported in January 2017, which referenced PCCs statutory role in this regard.

The NAPFCP had suggested that this was an area Panels may wish to scrutinise and the Panel was asked if it wished to set up a short term Task and Finish Group to scrutinise this area.

RESOLVED – That interested Panel Members or substitutes join the Task and Finish Group, which would report back in March 2021, and that the Forward Plan be updated accordingly.

11. Covid Action and Recovery

The Panel received a report providing Members of the Panel with an update in relation to the impact of the Covid pandemic and the Constabulary's Recovery Plan.

Overall, there was a decreasing trend in overall recorded crime in Lancashire, in line with national trends since the start of the Pandemic, with an increase in ASB related incidents.

The report also detailed the Covid related absence approach to support staff and officers, as well as the Enforcement Plan and Recovery Plan.

In response to a question on the enforcement action taken by the Police in terms of people self-isolating, the Commissioner advised that enforcement was the last resort, as the Police did not have the capacity to fully enforce such an area, instead the focus was on enforcement of large gatherings. The approach in Lancashire had been to follow the four Es; Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforce.

The Commissioner agreed to circulate any figures available of Police activity around enforcement of self-isolation.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

12. PCC Decisions

A report was submitted on decisions made by the Commissioner and the Director since the last meeting of the Panel on 16th September 2020.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

13. Forward Plan and Task and Finish Groups

The Secretary updated the Panel on the progress of the Task and Finish Groups, with the Local & Neighbourhood Policing Strategy and Police Response Team Groups up and running, with additional support from an officer at BwDBC, and that the remaining groups – Violence Reduction Network and Building Confidence in Local Communities would commence work in the New Year.

All the Task and Finish Groups were now due to report back to the Panel in March 2021, so the Secretary advised that he would update the Forward Plan accordingly.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and that the Forward Plan be updated to reflect that all Task and Finish Groups would report back now in March 2021.

14. 9th Annual Police and Crime Panel Conference November 2020

The Panel received an update on the 9th Annual Police and Crime Panel Conference that had been held virtually over 3 days in November and was attended by the Chair, Vice Chair, Cllr Peter LeMarinel and officers David Fairclough, Asad Laher and Phil Llewellyn. Members and officers fed back on workshops attended and of the examples of national good practice that could be followed in Lancashire.

It was noted that the benefit of the Virtual arrangement had been that more Members and officers could attend and be join workshops of interest, but there were drawbacks too in terms of holding such an event virtually rather than in person.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

15. Annual Finance Briefing – 5.30pm Wednesday 9th December 2020

Members were encouraged to attend the Annual Finance Briefing that would be delivered by Steve Freeman and would help in carrying out scrutiny of the PCCs proposed budget proposals.

16. Monitoring of Complaints

The Panel received a report which set out the current position with regard to communications relating to potential complaints received up to 23rd November 2020 in relation to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Since the last meeting there had been four further communications (83), (84), (85) and (86) and these was again related to the alleged conduct of a police officer or the conduct of individual police investigations for which there are other complaints processes and/or, appropriate authorities to deal with such matters.

There have been no further complaints received up to the 23rd November 2020.

RESOLVED - That the update in relation to communications and complaints be noted.

17. Webcasting Panel Meetings

The Panel received a report requesting approval for the procurement of webcasting services from Auditel for the next five meetings in order that Members could join meetings of the Panel without issue and to enable meetings to be broadcast live in order that members of the public could watch Panel meetings.

The report outlined issues experienced by some Members in joining meetings of the Panel that had been held using MS Teams Live Events - there had been challenges in arranging remote public meetings involving 15 different Council configurations/licences/firewalls/setups at such short notice whilst all Councils were also prioritising other Covid response activities. Arrangements had been made for the meeting on 7th December to be held via 'normal' Teams, which would enable all to join the meeting, even if their authority had not implemented the full Teams solution yet.

Arrangements with the Council's partner, Auditel, were made to broadcast the meeting at a one off cost of £495 and the Home Office funding utilised for this purpose, and if this was considered successful at today's meeting provided the option for continuing this arrangement for several meetings whilst meetings were required to be held remotely, at a cost of £395 per meeting if five meetings were booked in advance.

Given the time spent to date on remote meetings by Officers of the Host Authority and also Members of the Panel in engaging in tests and communication, it was considered a necessary solution to the issues of engagement to date. Additionally, as Hybrid meetings were likely to be held in the near future, and webcasting would be required for this, it was necessary to have a process to enable this going forwards.

RESOLVED – That the procurement of webcasting services from Auditel for the next five meetings be approved, after which time the position be reviewed.

18. Urgent Business

There were no items of Urgent Business.

19. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair outlined arrangements for the forthcoming meetings of the Panel: Confirmation Hearing to take place at 5pm on 18th January 2021.

Scheduled Panel Meeting on 18th January 2021 moved to 2nd February 2021 at 10am (the 'spare' meeting date scheduled in case the Precept is not agreed).

The 'spare' meeting now scheduled for 5.30pm on 15th February 2021.

Signed.....Chair
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Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021

Present:

Chair

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Chorley Borough Council

Committee Members

Councillor Mohammed Khan, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council,
Councillor Ivan Taylor, Blackpool Borough Council,
Councillor Afrasaib Anwar, Burnley Borough Council
Councillor Munsif Dad, Hyndburn Borough Council
Councillor Jean Parr, Lancaster City Council
Councillor David Whipp, Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Simon Hore, Ribble Valley Borough Council
Councillor Sue Bibby, Ribble Valley Borough Council
Councillor Jackie Oakes, Rossendale Borough Council
Councillor Gareth Dowling, West Lancs Borough Council
Councillor Roger Berry, Wyre Borough Council
Councillor Peter Le Marinel, Wyre Borough Council

Also in attendance

- Clive Grunshaw, Police and Crime Commissioner
- Angela Harrison, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Steve Freeman, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- David Fairclough, Secretary
- Asad Laher, Head of Governance and Legal
- Phil Llewellyn, Corporate and Democratic Lead

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair, Councillor Alistair Bradley welcomed all to the meeting, and advised how the remote meeting would operate. Apologies had been received from Councillor Keith Iddon.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.

3. Police and Crime Commissioner's Budget 2021-22

The Commissioner delivered a presentation and presented a report which set out the latest financial position for the Police and Crime budgets in Lancashire for 2021/2022 and proposals in relation to the Council Tax Precept.

The presentation outlined the increasing funding available as a result of the national uplift programme, which would mean more officers on the beat and investments in neighbourhood policing, but that this was at the expense of the Council Tax payer, and the Commissioner reflected on the flawed and unjust funding formula where areas such as Lancashire, which had large levels of properties in lower Council Tax bands compared to others nationally.

The presentation also highlighted a shortfall of 300 Police Officers compared to 2010 levels and detailed how the uplift for 2021-22 would be distributed in terms of staff deployment across Lancashire.

The Commissioner advised that he had no choice other than to increase the precept by £15 for a Band D property in 2021/22, if he did not do this it would mean Police Officers would need to cover civilian staff duties instead of carrying out their primary roles.

The report submitted outlined the investment in policing referred to, with the increase in needed to deliver the uplift, balance the budget and project jobs. Without this increase, the budget for 2021/22 would have to be reduced. An additional 58 officers would go into neighbourhood policing teams, along with 34 from within the 2021/22 uplift allocation giving an extra 92 neighbourhood police officers to be phased in over 2021/22.

As a result, by 31 March 2022, the Commissioner would have invested in more than 400 additional officers since April 2019, including more than 170 officers in to neighbourhood policing. This still represented a shortfall of some 300 officers on the 750 lost to Lancashire since 2010/11 because of the government's austerity programme and the Commissioner continued to engage actively with the Home Secretary to argue for all of the 750 officers to be reinstated.

The report identified the current provisional funding position for 2021/22 and also identified the cost pressures that had emerged, savings required and investment needed for policing in Lancashire. The impact of the proposals for the 2021/22 budget were identified in an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

Members of the Panel then asked a number of questions and made comments on the Commissioner's proposals, in particular, commenting on the need for each Lancashire district to receive its fair share and that some districts should not be funding others, with some Members commenting that they would have expected more officers of the being recruited being deployed into neighbourhoods. It was noted that in terms of Precept increases over three years, including the £15 increase proposed, that a Band D property would have seen a £49 increase in the period, and that the Commissioner should consider scaling back his property expansion and refurbishment plans or delay them.

The Commissioner responded to the comments and questions, advising that it would not be possible to scale back or delay accommodation changes and improvements, as premises were required for the extra officers who would be recruited. The Commissioner also indicated that areas should see more visibility of officers in neighbourhoods as a result of the uplift investment. The Chair asked that the Commissioner reflect back comments received on of numbers of officers being deployed into neighbourhoods.

The Panel noted the disparity in the allocation of resources nationally, the inequity of the funding system and the unfair position that the Commissioner had been placed in, in having to propose to raise the precept to meet a government commitment made for the national uplift programme.

The Chair then requested the meeting move to the vote, and asked for the recommendations in the report to be moved and seconded.

Councillor Ivan Taylor moved the recommendations, seconded by Councillor Munsif Dad.

The Vice Chair, Councillor Roger Berry moved an amendment that the recommendation in the report relating to the increase if the Council Tax precept by £15 be not accepted, which was seconded by Councillor Peter Le Marinel.

The Chair then took a vote on the amendment proposed that the recommendation that the Council Tax precept be not be accepted, with votes being cast as follows:

For-2

Against -8

Abstain – 3

The Vote was lost.

The Chair then took a vote on the recommendations in the report, with votes being cast as follows:

For-8

Against -2

Abstain -3

The Vote was carried.

The Chair agreed to write to the relevant Government Minister to reflect the views of the Panel made during the scrutiny process and to seek a view from the Minister on when the historical inequalities in budget allocation would be addressed, removing the unfair burden being placed on local council tax payers.

RESOLVED –

That the Police and Crime Panel:

- Note the details of the 2021/22 provisional police finance settlement, cost pressures and investments and the impact on Lancashire's budget;
- Approve the Commissioner's proposal to increase the council tax precept by £15 for a Band D property in 2021/22;
- Make arrangements to ensure that a formal written response to the proposals is sent to the Commissioner by 8th February 2020.

- Note the draft capital investment programme for the period 2021/22 to 2025/26;
- Note the position of the Commissioner's reserves in 2021/22 and future years
- Note the disparity in the allocation of resources nationally, the inequity of the funding system and the unfair position that the Commissioner has been placed in, and that the Chair write to the relevant Government Minister to reflect the views of the Panel and to seek a view from the Minister on when the historical inequalities in budget allocation would be addressed, removing the unfair burden being placed on local council tax payers.

4. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting scheduled in case of the Precept not being agreed (on 15th February 2021) was now not required, so the next meeting of the Panel (Virtual) would be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 8th March 2021.

Signed.....Chair
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POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 8 March 2021

Police & Crime Plan Performance Monitoring Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Panel with an update on progress in delivering the current Police and Crime Plan (the Plan) for Lancashire 2016-2021.

This is the final report before the PCC elections in May 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

The Panel are recommended to consider the report and comment accordingly.

Background

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner has a responsibility to hold the Chief Constable to account for the Constabulary's performance as against the police and crime plan priorities by means of the quarterly Strategic Scrutiny meeting.
2. This link <https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/meetings-and-reports/strategic-scrutiny-meetings/> details the Scrutiny papers received from the Chief Constable and the note of the meeting records the PCC holding the Chief Constable to account. Unfortunately, due to annual leave and school half term the Strategic Scrutiny meeting scheduled for February has been re-scheduled for the 16 March 2021. However, for information please find attached at Appendix 'A' the performance data for the last quarter.
3. The past year has been filled with challenges. The pandemic has required everyone to adapt, to look at new ways of working and to respond to the added difficulties brought on by an international health crisis.
4. A substantive report in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic can be found elsewhere on the agenda.

- Despite these added difficulties, the Commissioner has used his role and that of his office to make positive contributions, to secure extra funding for local services, to explore new areas of work, to overcome the challenges of remote working and to continue to offer the best possible service to the people of Lancashire.

a) External Funding secured by the Police and Crime Commissioner

- Over the last 12 months the Commissioner has secured over £4M of external funding, details of which, are set out below.

	£
Ministry of Justice Funding	598,000
Additional Victims Services Grant from Ministry of Justice	CHISVAs 131,500 ISVAs 65,897
Safer Streets Funding	745,000
Covid-19 Support funding	98,000
Violence Reduction Network	1,100,000
Surge Funding	1,180,000
Home Office funding – Operation Adder	1,275,000
No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)	62,000
Taser funding	313,500
Total	4,388,897

Ministry of Justice Funding

- The Commissioner has secured over **£598,000** in additional Ministry of Justice funding to support local domestic abuse and sexual violence services in their response to the pandemic.
- The funding has been used to set up remote support for victims of crime. This includes online chat facilities, telephone services, additional counselling hours and work with Independent Domestic Violence Advisors.
- 16 local services have benefitted from this additional funding to ensure that victims can continue to receive the best possible support.

4. In addition, the Commissioner has secured a further **£197,397** per annum of Ministry of Justice funding for two years for the recruitment of 2 independent sexual violence advisors and 3 Children and Young People's Independent Sexual Violence Advisors who provide emotional and practical support for victims, while guiding them through the criminal justice process which many can find daunting.

Safer Streets Funding

5. The Commissioner has secured over **£745,000** in Safer Streets Funding. The money will be targeted at crime hotspots in the county to improve the safety and security of local residents.
6. Funding will be invested in CCTV, improved street lighting, alley gates, motorcycle barriers and in improving home security in high risk areas
7. Both Burnley and Skelmersdale are set to benefit from these improvement measures and the OPCC is working closely with the local Community Safety Partnerships and the police to ensure the money is utilised in the best possible way.
8. The Home Office have announced a second round of the Safer Streets Fund (SSF) for the 2021/22 financial year with the deadline for submissions at 1pm on Thursday 25th March 2021.
9. Police and Crime Commissioner's and Local Authorities are able to submit bids however, the Home Office will only accept three bids per PCC area and they have specified that the Police and Crime Commissioner must support and prioritise bids (primary/secondary/tertiary) prior to submission.
10. A total of 7 expressions of interest were received from district councils which have now been evaluated by the Commissioner and the Constabulary. Accordingly, the Commissioner has approved the priority order of the three expressions of interest as follows: 1. Blackburn with Darwen 2. Preston 3. Lancaster

Covid-19 support for Vulnerable Children's Charities

11. The Commissioner, together with Lancashire's Violence Reduction Unit administered over **£98,000** to support vulnerable children's charities.
12. The emergency Home Office funding was used to support local charities who experienced immediate financial hardship, significantly increased level of demand or an urgent need to adapt services as a result of the pandemic.

Lancashire Violence Reduction Network

13. The Police and Crime Commissioner has secured over **£1,1million** to continue the important work of Lancashire's Violence Reduction Network (VRN).
14. Lancashire Violence Reduction Network is one of 18 violence reduction units across England and Wales which were launched two years ago to tackle the root causes of knife and violent crime.
15. Taking a public health approach, the network works with more than 20 partner agencies to support interventions including the DIVERT intervention programme, Emergency Department Navigators and projects working directly to support young people most at risk of being involved in violent crime.
16. Developing a trauma informed approach to the way partners operate and services are delivered is a key element of the LVRN and is supported through the roll out of training and awareness raising sessions
17. Over the last year Lancashire Violence Reduction Network projects have directly supported over 5,600 individuals and seen the introduction of several new multi-agency programmes of work. Lancashire Violence Reduction Network has also led police enforcement activity around knife and violent crime including weapon sweeps, knife bins, and community engagement resulting in over 2,600 knives being taken off Lancashire streets since April 2020.

Surge Funding

18. Further funds of over **£1.18 million** has been secured by the Police and Crime Commissioner from the Police Surge Fund to support the Constabulary in the delivery of additional, targeted activities to prevent, enforce and investigate serious violence crime.
19. The Surge Fund is managed alongside the VRN to ensure there is consistency in the approaches taken and a co-ordinated response to serious violence.
20. As well as supporting a dedicated Serious Violence Sergeant in each Police Division the Fund has also supported the investigation and local follow up responses to a number of high profile serious and fatal incidents in Lancashire.
21. By way of example, over the last year, the Constabulary participated in Operation Sceptre, which covered both enforcement and prevention. During that week alone there were 33 weapons sweeps in hot spot areas, 48 arrests, 127 stop searches, 28 engagement and education events took place, 380 knives recovered / seized plus 17 more during arrests.

22. In addition, test purchase operations took place at 5 locations and 21 operation Uchee visits around weapons purchased online.
23. The Constabulary also delivered Operation Thunder, aimed at exploitation, which includes violence. In total there were 41 arrests with 36 individuals being charged. Specialist family support has been provided to maintain trust and develop confidence in reporting this type of crime.

Home Office funding – Operation Adder

24. Through the Home Office's Drugs Supply and County Lines Unit £1,275,000 of funding was secured to enable Lancashire Constabulary to carry out enforcement and diversionary activity as part of the Blackpool Project in the Project ADDER Programme. Project ADDER will test a new approach to drug supply involving coordinated law enforcement activity alongside expanded diversionary activity and treatment/recovery provision in the pilot areas, of which Blackpool is one. The overarching aim of the programme is to reduce the rate of drug deaths, drug related offending and the prevalence of drug use.

No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)

25. Following a successful bid, the Commissioner has received **£62,000** from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) - No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) - which the Office administer and allocate. The fund is to support Domestic Abuse victims entering refuge who have no access to public funds.

26. Tasers

27. Last year has seen investment in new technology following a successful bid by the PCC to secure **£313,500** for Tasers in March 2020.
28. The money is being used to bring over 380 Tasers into use across the force over the next three years. This allows for greater flexibility and capacity when making operational decisions all aimed at keeping people safe from harm.

b) Investment by the Commissioner

29. In addition to the external funds secured by the Commissioner, the Commissioner has also made investment from within his own budget.

Community Action Fund

30. The Commissioner's Community Action Fund is designed to provide small grants to assist groups in tackling local concerns and helping to deliver the priorities of his Police and Crime Plan.
31. Over the past year the Community Action Fund has provided funding of **£112,589** to 42 local projects which have supported over 3,700 individuals across Lancashire. Projects continue to address issues by strengthening local communities, providing diversionary activities and tackling anti-social behaviour.
32. The final opportunity for this financial year for schemes that meet Government guidelines is now open and will close in the next couple of weeks. Full details can be found on the Commissioner's website.

<https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/grant-funding/community-action-fund/>

Reducing Reoffending

33. The Commissioner's Reducing Reoffending Fund continues to support projects aimed at breaking the cycle of reoffending. Since the fund launched in 2018 it has supported projects which work with ex-offenders and address the root causes of offending, through group work, one-to-one sessions and other support.
34. This has seen around **£400,000** invested back into communities and dedicated organisations to help deliver this work.
35. The criminal justice system is about more than just punishing those who break the law but also providing the opportunities and support to ensure that they do not reoffend having been through the system

Street Pastors

36. Five groups received a total of over **£45,000** from the Commissioner's dedicated fund for street pastors, street angels and similar organisations.
37. Blackpool & The Fylde Street Angels received **£13,500**, Chorley Street Pastors **£5,000**, Ormskirk Street Pastors **£3,000**, Preston & South Ribble Street Pastors were allocated £12,000 and IMO **£11,990** for their winter warmer project across Blackburn.

38. These groups include trained volunteers who patrol the streets of their community. Supporting the homeless and other vulnerable people. They work to prevent violent incidents escalating, and support night-time revellers, something they will do again when coronavirus restrictions are eased.
39. Funding will be used by the groups to help them train and equip new volunteers, upskill current volunteers and for resources such as drinks and food to give out to vulnerable people.

Community Safety Partnership

40. The Commissioner has allocated £280,000 (up to £20,000 to each Community Safety Partnership) for projects / initiatives that have a focus on serious violence. So far £15,300 has been allocated to Fylde CSP towards the Safe Communities and Confident Young Citizens Project.
41. The project consists of two themes:
- Theme One: to engage with 45 young people per week aged 13-17 through a range of multi sports sessions in a friendly and safe environment over a 50-week period.
 - Theme Two: is aimed at young people aged 18 – 24 who are not in employment or education, those at risk of addiction and ex-offenders by working with the Divert programme and will focus on employability skills and work experience.

42. In addition, £14,000 has been allocated (£3,500 to Burnley, Pendle, Hyndburn and Rossendale) towards the roll out of Operation Provide across East Division. Operation Provide is a domestic abuse initiative in partnership with the Police with the aim to provide victims of Domestic Abuse the chance to access support at the earliest opportunity.

The Youth Commission

43. The Youth Commission was established in November 2020 with the aim of enabling young people to support, challenge and influence decisions about policing, crime and violence reduction in Lancashire.
44. The Commission will work in partnership with the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Lancashire Violence Reduction Network and other partners to inform, support and shape their organisational priorities.
45. 25 Youth Commissioners will engage more than 1,200 young people across Lancashire as part of 'The Big Conversation'.
46. Since its conception the Youth Commission has identified six local priorities covering mental health, drug and alcohol abuse, relationships with the police, social media and its impact, domestic violence and hate crime.

47. Youth Commission members are already involved in reviewing campaign materials aimed at tackling issues including county lines and promoting support services for young victims of crime.

c) Volunteering

Lancashire Volunteer Partnership

48. The Commissioner established the Lancashire Volunteer Partnership (LVP) with public service partners just over four years ago, with the aim of bringing public service volunteers together by creating a one-stop-shop for people wanting to support their local communities.

49. The Commissioner knew then the enormous impact volunteers could make in supporting people, and with the onset of the Covid-19 national public health crisis in March 2020, LVP was ready for the challenge.

50. Over the past year LVP changed their entire operation to support the response effort by;

- Opening up the Community Support Befriending Programme to anyone who was vulnerable, isolated or in need
- Signposting volunteer enquiries to district hubs for support services, delivering much needed food parcels and support to vulnerable people
- Creating a new Telephone Befriending Service for the lonely, isolated or those shielding.
- Supporting the NHS vaccination programme delivering over 20,000 hours of volunteer support to date with almost 1,500 Covid marshal volunteers made available to the NHS in Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Our Lancashire

51. The Commissioner funded the creation of Our Lancashire in November 2019.

52. As well as bringing together small local groups, clubs and associations Our Lancashire has been able to provide a place where people can network and find activities to get involved in; from boxing to knitting, litter picking, residents' associations, book clubs, coffee clubs and support groups. Our Lancashire has become a platform to make new friends and make communities stronger, by providing a support network – hosted by the community, for the community.

53. In response to the pandemic, the Our Lancashire team quickly rearranged its structure to form a bridge between public services and those groups who were able to help the response effort. Over the past year Our Lancashire.

- Worked with 14 Lancashire Local District Hubs in response to the pandemic
- Reached over 62,000 people on social media
- Supported community groups to access the Lancashire Covid Support Fund that has provided £1.8m of grants during the period of the pandemic
- Made over 30 online training and development opportunities available
- Provided Covid-19 volunteering safety guide to over 1,100 group leaders
- Recorded over 12,000 website visits

d) Lancashire Victim Services

54. The Commissioner's commissioned service continue to be contacted in order to understand any service disruption that may occur and to ensure services receive any support that may be required.

55. Continuing throughout the period the Office has held regular meetings with Lancashire Victims Services (LVS) to understand the level and types of referrals being made.

56. LVS has received **39,091** referrals between 1 April and 31 December 2020.

57. Of these referrals LVS received 11,188 referrals for Domestic Abuse, 1,515 referrals for sexual violence, 2,033 referrals for support for 10 to 18-year olds, and 648 Hate Crime referrals.

e) Public Engagement

58. Despite the pandemic the OPCC has continued to engage with the public, partners and stakeholders across Lancashire.

Surveys

59. The Commissioner's surveys have seen a higher response rate than ever before with **more than 4,000 residents** responding to the annual priorities surveys as well as this year's survey around the Commissioner's budget for 2021/22.

Campaigns

60. Despite the pandemic the Commissioner and his office have continued sharing key information with the public through county wide campaigns.

The #NoExcuseForAbuse partnership campaign

- Partnered with the 230+ SPAR stores in Lancashire to advertise the help and support available across the county at key points of sale

- Had 2,047 unique visits to the campaign website
- Developed and deployed 20 social media adverts
- Distributed 10, 400 posters across the county
- Had 342 radio spots for the campaign radio advert on Rock FM
- Shared an In The Know message with 33, 703 members
- Reached over 1.3 million people on Twitter with dedicated campaign messages
- Produced 20 additional social media adverts
- Enabled a campaign branded advertising van to visit 28 towns over 12 days

The "This.Is.Hate." campaign

- Distributed over 2,000 posters requested by partners including Colleges, Probation Service, Councils, Constabulary and Victim Services.
- Social media partner pack shared with partners and stakeholder across Lancashire
- Reached over 20,000 people through Facebook
- Over 50,000 impressions on Twitter
- Featured on BBC Radio Lancashire, Rock FM, Global Radio, That's Lancashire TV as well as in the Lancashire Evening Post, Blackpool Gazette, Champion newspapers

Sexual Violence

- Social media adverts to promote services available through Lancashire Victim Services reaching over 12,000 people
- Over 5,000 views of promotional videos.
- Social media pack created and shared with partners across Lancashire including Community Safety Partnerships, Local Authorities, Lancashire Constabulary
- Featured in Lancashire Resilience Forum stakeholder bulletin

f) Events

61. Despite the pandemic the Commissioner and his office have continued to host and to contribute to key events to inform stakeholders and professionals across the county. The following are examples of this work.

Domestic Abuse

62. In December 2020 the OPCC was able to welcome Nicole Jacobs, Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England Wales, as part of an online event for professionals working to tackle domestic abuse in Lancashire.

Modern Slavery

63. The OPCC has coordinated two training sessions in partnership with the Rah Rah Theatre Company to raise awareness of modern slavery and how to spot the signs of trafficking. Just over 60 colleagues from a range of agencies (Police, Councils, Victim Services, Housing Associations, Substance Misuse Services, Football Clubs, Charities) accessed the online training.
64. Following excellent feedback, the Commissioner has applied for funding from the modern slavery small grants fund and the OPCC is now in the process of arranging a further three sessions for colleagues across Lancashire in particularly targeting the business community and partners from the safeguarding arena.

g) Complaints reviews

65. Following the introduction of the Policing and Crime Act 2017, which brought about significant changes to the management of the Police Complaints System, the Commissioner has successfully implemented a new system to review police complaints in accordance with his new statutory duty.
66. The model implemented means that the Commissioner's Office now holds the Chief Constable to account for the exercise of the Chief Constable's function in relation to handling complaints.

Recommendation

67. The Panel are recommended to consider the report and comment accordingly.

Angela Harrison
Director

Performance data for Strategic Scrutiny Meeting March 2021

PROTECTING LOCAL POLICING			
Measure	Previous Equivalent period Apr'19-Dec '19		In Year Performance Apr '20 – Dec '20
Proportion of Force Budget Spent on Front Line Policing: visible	£78.0M (38.4%)		80.1M (39.1%)
Proportion of Force Budget Spent on Front Line Policing: non visible	£67.1M (33.1%)		£63.3M (30.9%)
Measure	Previous 12 Month Period Jan - Dec '19	In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period	In Year Performance Jan – Dec'20
Grade 1 - Emergency Response Median Time to Arrive (Target <15 Mins)	10.2 min	0 min	10.2 min
Grade 2 - Priority Response Median Time to Arrive (target <1 hour)	33.4 min	+1 min	34.4min
Grade 3 - Routine Response Median Time to Arrive (<48 hours)	1018.4 min	-642.5 min	375.9 min
999 Calls - Service Level < 10 secs	75.4%	+7.5%	82.9%
999 Calls - Time To Answer (Average)	9.08	-2.51 sec	6.57
101 Calls - Service Level	38.1%	+9.3%	47.4%
101 Calls - Time To Answer (Average)	203.25	-83.8 secs	119.45
TACKLING CRIME & RE-OFFENDING			
Measure Taken from Recorded Crime dashboard unless stated with *	Previous 12 Month Period Jan - Dec '19	In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period	In Year Performance Jan - Dec '20
All Crime	146260	Decrease (-14%, -21128)	125132
Violence with injury	16537	Decrease (-10%, -1661)	14876
Violence without injury	23265	Decrease (-14%, -3344)	19921
Burglary Residential	7842	Decrease (-24%, -1854)	5988
Robbery (Personal)	1224	Decrease (-23%, -278)	946
Public Order	11297	Decrease (-16%, -1851)	9446
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents	54727	Increase (58%, +31813)	86540

SUPPORTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE & VICTIMS			
Measure Taken from Recorded Crime dashboard unless stated with *	Previous 12 Month Period Jan - Dec '19	In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period	In Year Performance Jan- Dec '20
Rape	1,424	Decrease (-17%, -247)	1177
Other Sexual Offences	3,123	Decrease (-10%, -313)	2,810
CSE Crime	539	Increase (+3%, +14)	553
Modern Slavery Crimes (Only introduced 1st April 2015)	121	Increase (+6%, +7)	128
Domestic Abuse Crime	19,616	Increase (+12%, +2381)	21,997
Hate Crime	2,650	Decrease (-3%, -79)	2,571
Missing Person Incidents *Responding Dashboard	9844	Decrease (-12%, -1193)	8651
DEVELOPING CONFIDENT COMMUNITIES			
Measure	Previous 12 Month Period Jan '19 - Dec '19	In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period	In Year Performance Jan '20 – Dec '20
User Satisfaction - Burglary	67%	No change	67%
User Satisfaction - Violent	70%	Decrease (-5%)	65%
User Satisfaction - Hate	69%	Decrease (-3%)	66%
User Satisfaction – Domestic Abuse	77%	Increase (6%)	83%
User Satisfaction - Anti-Social Behaviour	66%	Decrease (6%)	60%
Confidence - CSEW (Overall Confidence) <i>CSEW data is 3 months behind</i>	Previous 12 Month Period Jan '19 - Dec '19	In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period	In Year Performance Jan '20 – Dec '20
	72%		Not available

CSEW are currently not releasing any force-level data, as they've changed to a telephone-based survey due to Covid-19

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 8 March 2021

Covid Action Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

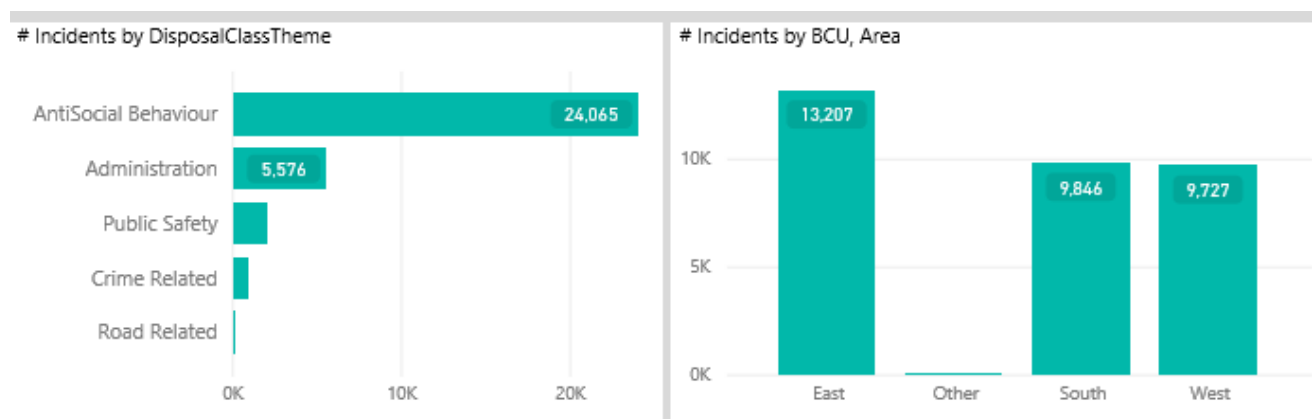
The Purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Panel with an update in relation to the impact of the Covid pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION

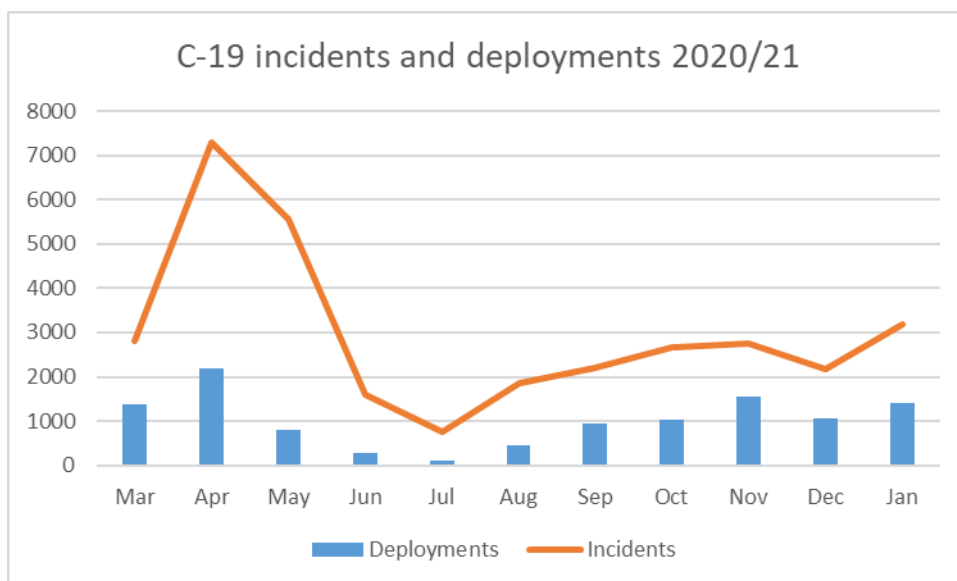
The Panel is asked to note the report.

1. Background

1.1. The Panel are advised that since 23rd March 2020, there have been over 30,000 COVID-19 -related incidents logged and almost 25,000 were categorised as ASB. Most incidents have occurred within East BCU.

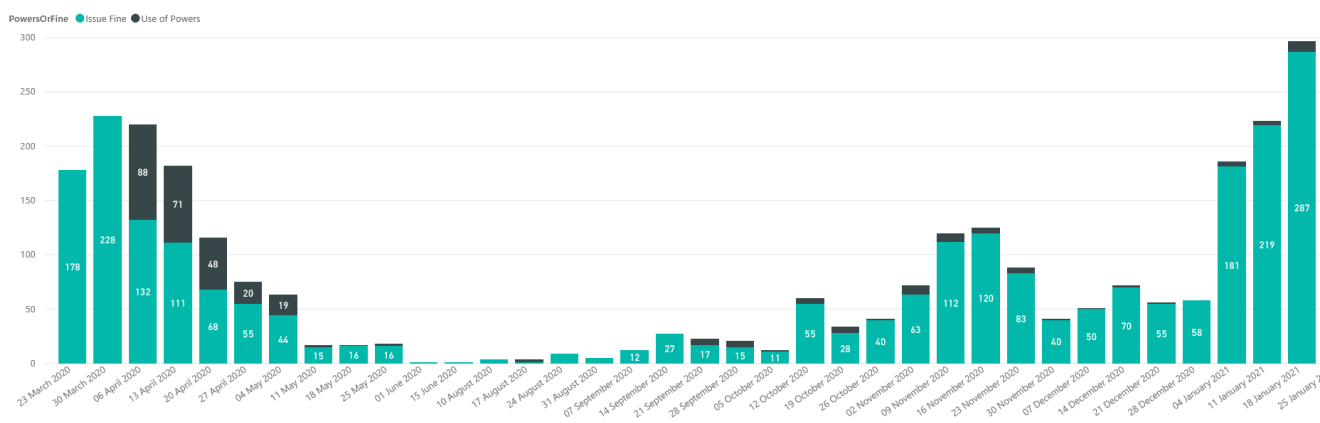


1.2. Looking at monthly data, April 2020 still stands out by some way as a clear peak in incident levels. Subsequent lockdowns (in Nov/Dec and January) have not generated as much demand, although January 2021's incident levels to date are the highest recorded in a single month since last May.



1.3. In terms of enforcement, clear peaks in the number of FPNs (Fixed Penalty Notices) issued weekly can be seen coinciding with the three national lockdown periods (March/April 2020; Nov/Dec 2020 and January 5th 2021 onwards). The week commencing 18th January 2021 saw the largest number of FPNs issued in a week since the pandemic began (287).

1.4. Since lockdown 3 commenced on January 5 2021, a total of 736 FPNs have been issued. The split of tickets is as follows: East 402, West 178, South 145, 9 HQ and 2 Other. The vast majority of FPNs issued in January 2021 have been for being outside of the individual's place of residence without reasonable excuse (45%) or for gatherings (46%; 39% of which have taken place in dwellings).



1.5. The Constabulary's COVID-19 Gold group has been closely monitoring the volumes, locations, and reasons for FPNs being issued as well as the

demographics of the recipients. Between the 5th and 27th January 2021, 75% of FPNs were issued to males.

- 1.6.** The age breakdown shows that tickets have been mostly issued to those aged 31 and under (71%), with 18-24s the largest single category (45%). The proportions remain very similar across males and females and both genders combined.

Recommendation

- 1.7.** Panel Members are recommended to note the report.

Angela Harrison
Director

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 8 March 2021

Police & Crime Commissioner Decisions

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to highlight decisions made by

- i) the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire, and
- ii) the Director, or authorised officer, under delegated authority in the period since the last meeting of the Panel on the 7th December 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to consider the report and raise any issues identified on the decisions presented.

1 Background

- 1.1. Under Section 28(6) of the Police Reform and Social responsibility Act 2011, the Panel is obliged to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the Police and Crime Commissioner's functions and, where necessary, make reports or recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner with respect to the discharge of the Commissioner's functions.
- 1.2. The Commissioner is under a statutory obligation under the terms of the Specified Information Order to publish details of decisions of significant public interest. In more general terms under Section 13 of the 2011 Act, the Commissioner is obliged to ensure that he provides the Panel with any information that it might reasonably require to allow it to carry out its functions. This would include the provision of information regarding the Commissioner's decisions and actions, irrespective of whether they were to be considered to be of 'significant public interest'.
- 1.3. In this respect, the Commissioner publishes on his website all decisions he has made.
- 1.4. Further details on all these decisions are available for scrutiny on the Commissioner's Website at:-
<https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/decisions/>
- 1.5. Additionally, Members may access the Strategic Scrutiny Agenda and Minutes at
<https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/meetings-reports/strategic-scrutiny-meetings/>
and the Joint Management Board papers at
<https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/meetings-reports/joint-management-board/>

2 Decisions made and/or published since the last scheduled meeting of the Police and Crime Panel

2.1 Drawing on the information published on the Commissioner's website, a number of decisions have been made since the report to the Panel at its last meeting on 7th December 2020. These are set out in the table below.

Decision Reference	Decision Title	PCC Priority	Date of Decision
2020/27	Virtual Reality Funding	Reducing crime and re-offending	14 th December
2020/28	Community Action Fund	All applications recommended for approval support one or more of the priorities details in the Police and Crime Plan	15 th December 2020
2020/29	Treasury Management mid-year report 2020/21	Governance	25 th January 2021
2020/30	Public Consultation 2020-2022	Governance	19 th January 2021
2020/31	Street Pastors, Street Angels and similar organisations fund	All applications recommended for approval support one or more of the priorities details in the Police and Crime Plan	21 st January 2021
2020/32	Pennine Combination Agreement	Governance	11 January 2021
2020/33 (restricted)	Chief Constable relocation allowance	Governance	20 th January 2021
2020/34	CSP Funding (Fylde)	Supporting victims and vulnerable people Tackling crime and reoffending	27 th January 2021
2020/35	Community Action Fund	All applications recommended for approval support one or more of the priorities details in the Police and Crime Plan	23 rd February 2021
2020/36 (restricted)	Agreement for a City of London Police Supported Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit within the North West Collaborative Regional Organised Crime Unit	Tackling Crime and re-offending	4 th February 2021
2020/37	The Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire's	Governance	23 rd February 2021

	Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2021/22 and Capital Investment Programme for 2021/22 and Future Years		
2020/38	Safer Streets Fund (Round 2) 21/22	Tackling Crime and re-offending	-
2020/39	Indemnity of Legally Qualified Chair	Governance	7 January 2021
	Delegated Decisions	Governance	25 th February 2021

3. Director's Delegated Decisions

- 3.1 The Panel will recall that the Commissioner has agreed to the Director's delegated decisions being published.
- 3.2 A report detailing the exercise of her delegations made since the last meeting was presented to the Commissioner on the 25th February 2021. This report has been published along with all other decisions made by the Commissioner on the website and is available for inspection via the following link.

<https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/decisions/>

4. Conclusion

- 4.2 In accordance with its statutory duty, the Panel has the opportunity to scrutinise and review the decisions made and published as set out in the report now presented.

Agenda item

Police and Crime Panel

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LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL FORWARD PLAN 2020/21

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Executive Summary

This report updates the forward plan for the Panel for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

Recommendations

The Panel are asked to note the changes actioned following the Panel's decisions in December 2020.

Background and Advice

The report by the Standards in Public Life Report – Tone from the Top – identified the importance of Forward Plans.

Police and Crime Panels should focus attention on key areas for scrutiny each year by reviewing the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.

To facilitate work in advance of the scheduled meetings for areas selected for further scrutiny the Panel has previously agreed Task & Finish Groups to review information in advance of the meetings and engage directly with the PCC & the Office of the PCC as appropriate.

At the last meeting the following Task & Finish Groups were confirmed to report to the March meeting:

The responses were as follows:

1. Local & Neighbourhood Policing Strategy – Lead – Councillor Jackie Oakes
2. Police Response Team – Funding & Expenditure – lead – Councillor Roger Berry
3. Violence Reduction Network – Suggested lead - Councillor Sue Berry
4. Building Confidence in Local Communities – lead - Councillor Mohammed Khan
5. Independent Review of Deaths & Serious Incidents in Custody*

* In the event it was agreed post the Panel meeting in December 2020 that the Police and Crime Commissioner would be asked to update directly via a report to the march 2021 Panel meeting, on the Independent Review of Deaths & Serious Incidents in Custody.

It was also agreed that the Panel receive a briefing on the Emergency Services Network. This briefing took place on 24th February 2021.

The Panel is asked to note the further updating of the Forward Plan (attached) which will be published on the website and will be further updated following this meeting as appropriate.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Legal Implications

Forward Plans are a requirement for local authorities, and a good programme of work, with a forward plan for any public reports, cuts down on 'surprises'; unexpected decisions or issues that a Panel may be required to respond to. It is considered that a Forward Plan helps the Panel in carrying out its scrutiny role in an effective manner.

Financial Implications

N/A

Risk management

The provision of effective scrutiny by the Police and Crime Panel is in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

<u>Paper</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact/ Directorate/Tel</u>
Good Practice for Police and Crime Panels Guidance Document	May 2015	David Fairclough 01254 585642
LGA Policing and Fire Governance – Guidance for Police & Crime Panels	July 2019	David Fairclough 01254 585642

LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL

FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISIONS

SEPTEMBER 2020 – JULY 2021

(Updated 8 March 2020)

ANTICIPATED DATE	KEY DECISION / ITEM OF BUSINESS / CONTACT OFFICER / CONSULTATION DETAILS	CONTACT OFFICER
<u>September 2020</u>	<p>Appointment of Chief Constable Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Police & Crime Plan Performance Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Decisions Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p>	<p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p>
<u>December 2020</u>	<p>Police & Crime Plan Performance Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Decisions Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Covid Action and Recovery Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p>	<p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p>
<u>February 2021</u>	<p>Initial consideration of the Commissioner's 2015/16 – precept proposals Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Consideration of the PCCs revenue and capital budget proposals Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p>	<p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p>

ANTICIPATED DATE	KEY DECISION / ITEM OF BUSINESS / CONTACT OFFICER / CONSULTATION DETAILS	CONTACT OFFICER
	Consideration of the PCCs proposed Community Safety Grants Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner	Ian Dickinson OPCC
<u>March 2021</u>	<p>Police & Crime Plan Performance Reports Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Decisions Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Covid Action and Recovery Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Independent Review of Deaths & Serious Incidents in Custody Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Task & Finish Group 1 – Local & Neighbourhood Policing Strategy Report of Task & Finish Group</p> <p>Task & Finish Group 2 – Police Response Team – Funding & Expenditure Report of Task & Finish Group</p> <p>Task & Finish Group 3 – Violence Reduction Network Report of Task & Finish Group</p> <p>Task & Finish Group 4 – Community Cohesion – Building confidence in local communities Report of Task & Finish Group</p> <p>Emergency Services Network Feedback from All Member Briefing</p>	<p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Phil Llewelyn For Secretary</p> <p>Phil Llewelyn For Secretary</p> <p>Phil Llewelyn For Secretary</p> <p>Phil Llewelyn For Secretary</p> <p>Phil Llewelyn For Secretary</p>

ANTICIPATED DATE	KEY DECISION / ITEM OF BUSINESS / CONTACT OFFICER / CONSULTATION DETAILS	CONTACT OFFICER
<u>July 2021</u>	<p>Forward Plan 2021/22 Report of the Secretary Lancashire Police & Crime Panel</p> <p>OPCC Annual Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Police & Crime Plan Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Police & Crime Plan – Performance Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Decisions Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Covid Action and Recovery Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p>	<p>David Fairclough Secretary LPCP</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p>

Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire

Meeting to be held on the 8th March 2021

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Timetable of Meetings 2021/2022

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Executive Summary

This report sets out the proposed Timetable of Meetings for 2021/22.

Recommendation

The Police & Crime Panel are asked to agree the Timetable of Meetings for 2021/22.

Background and Advice

It is for the Police and Crime Panel to determine its own cycle of meetings and to appoint any sub committees or task groups as may be deemed necessary in order to carry out the functions of the Panel.

At the time of writing, Covid-19 Regulations are still in place, but it is hoped that by the time of the AGM Meeting, 'in-person' meetings will be happening once again. It may be that venues may need to be booked that can accommodate any remaining social distancing measures, therefore venues are not currently listed in the table below. Also at the time of writing, the Government has not introduced Primary Legislation to enable the continuation of Virtual Meetings, so planning of meetings is focussing on 'in person' meetings, but if circumstances change, for instance 'Hybrid' meetings are allowed, this solution would be investigated. As Members are aware, an agreement was made with Auditel to broadcast meetings into later 2021, so we would work with Auditel on any potential solutions in this regard.

Timetable of Meetings for the Panel

The Timetable below proposed dates of Panel meetings in 2021/22, with venues to follow in due course.

DATE/TIME/VENUE
Monday 5th July 2021 –AGM & Annual Induction Session 10am, followed by Annual Induction after lunch.
Wednesday 15th September 2021

2.00pm.
Monday 6th December 2021 6.00pm.
Monday 17th January 2022 (Precept only) 6.00pm.
Tuesday 1st February 2022 (if required –dependant on Precept decision) 6.00pm.
Monday 7th March 2021 10am.
Monday 4th July 2022 – AGM & Annual Induction Session 10am.

The Police and Crime Panel may be required to hold additional meetings in the following circumstances.

1. If the PCC chooses to appoint a new Chief Constable, Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer or Deputy PCC
2. The PCC wishes to remove the current Chief Constable.
3. The PCC varies the Police and Crime Plan or proposes to issue a new Plan.
4. The Panel needs to consider any complaints against the PCC that are not of a criminal nature.
5. The Panel needs to appoint an acting PCC if the current PCC is incapacitated, suspended or resigns.

Consultations

Once the dates and times are agreed, officers will investigate suitable venues for the meetings.

Implications

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk Management

The provision of an Independent Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire is in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

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Paper

Date

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Agenda item

Police and Crime Panel

Meeting to be held on 8th March 2020

MONITORING OF COMPLAINTS

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Executive Summary

This report sets out the current position with regard to communications relating to potential complaints received up to 22nd February 2021 in relation to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Recommendation

That the update in relation to communications and complaints be noted.

Background and Advice

Since the commencement of the Panel in 2012 there have now been 88 recorded communications which at the outset were described by the complainants as complaints against the Police & Crime Commissioner, and 86 outcomes have been reported to previous meetings.

Many of these communications as reported previously however did/do not relate directly to the conduct of the PCC and therefore do not, under the terms of the governing regulations come under the jurisdiction of the Police & Crime Panel.

Many communications received focus on the alleged conduct of police officers, conduct of police investigations or that of the chief constable, and these are matters for which there are other complaints processes and/or, appropriate authorities to deal with such matters.

Since the last meeting there has been two further complaints received. The first (87) was again related to the alleged conduct of a police officer or the conduct of individual police investigations for which there are other complaints processes and/or, appropriate authorities to deal with such matters. The second complaint received (88) was found to be related to the actions of an officer from the office of the police and crime commissioner rather than the police and crime commissioner and there are other complaints processes and/or, appropriate authorities to deal with such matters.

There have been no further complaints received up to the 23rd November 2020.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Legal Implications

The procedures adopted by the Panel comply with the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 which are issued under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 for the handling of complaints and matters concerning the conduct of the holders of the office of Police and Crime Commissioner.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. It is proposed the handling of such complaints will be contained within existing resources.

Risk management

The requirement to monitor and record complaints against the PCC and DPCC is in accordance with the provisions of The Elected Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

<u>Paper</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact/Directorate/Tel</u>
Agenda and Minutes from	November 2012	David Fairclough HR, Legal & Governance
Agenda and Minutes from	July 2014	David Fairclough HR, Legal & Governance
Agenda and Minutes from	March 2016	David Fairclough HR, Legal & Governance
		01254 585642