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## Police & Crime Panel for Lancashire

Monday, 4th March, 2024

4.00 pm

Meeting Room A

Blackburn Town Hall

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An item of urgent business may only be considered under this heading where, by reason of special circumstances to be recorded in the Minutes, the Chairman

of the meeting is of the opinion that the Item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency. Wherever possible, the Secretary of the Panel should be given advance warning of any Members intention to raise a matter under this heading.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Panel (Annual General Meeting) will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 10am at Blackburn Town Hall (Meeting Room A).

Date Published: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

## **Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

#### **Present:**

##### **Chair**

Councillor Jackie Oakes, Rossendale Borough Council

##### **Committee Members**

Councillor Roger Berry, Wyre Borough Council  
Councillor Peter Hunter, Blackpool Council  
Councillor Christopher Dixon, Fylde Borough Council  
Councillor Michael Lee, Fylde Borough Council  
Councillor Michael Green, Lancashire Country Council  
Councillor Peter Edwards, Hyndburn Borough Council  
Councillor Qesir Mahmood, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council  
Councillor Mark Townsend, Burnley Borough Council  
Councillor Alistair Bradley, Chorley Borough Council  
Councillor Catherine Armistead, Lancaster City Council  
Councillor Pat Varty, Preston City Council  
Councillor Jan Alcock, Ribble Valley Borough Council  
Councillor James Flannery, South Ribble Borough Council  
Councillor Gareth Dowling, West Lancs Borough Council  
Councillor Peter Le-Marinel, Wyre Borough Council  
Richard Glover, Co-Opted Independent Member  
Miranda Carruthers-Watt, Co-Opted Independent Member

##### **Also in attendance**

- Andrew Snowden, PCC
- Andy Pratt, APCC
- Angela Harrison, Office of the PCC
- Steve Freeman, Office of the PCC
- Ian Dickinson, Office of the PCC
- Asad Laher, Secretary
- Phil Llewellyn, Democratic and Scrutiny Lead

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillors Whipp and Maddocks.

#### **2. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

Under Matters Arising, the PCC advised that the Drink & Drug Driving Campaign had been launched on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

The PCC also reported that in terms of the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR), Community Safety Partnerships had agreed arrangements with the support of the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), with Angela Harrison reporting that funding was being looked at with all CSP Partners, such as local authorities who were contributing into the pot, with the OPCC looking at administering the fund when a DHR occurred, with OPCC also contributing, and continuing to maintain previous DHR funding support. An application had been made relating to a Government Pilot starting in January.

Angela Harrison agreed to find out if wider Partners in the CSPs were contributing to the DHR funding pot.

Cllr Mark Townsend thanked the PCC/CC for recent positive actions undertaken in the Queensgate area of Burnley following concerns raised at the last meeting.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of Interest were submitted.

### **4. Public Questions**

No public questions had been received.

### **5. Panel Membership Update**

The Panel were provided with an update on the membership of the Police and Crime Panel for 2023/24, following the Panel's approval at the AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> July of the Membership Review.

Since the AGM on 18 July, there had been some political changes, mainly at Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and Burnley Borough Council. These changes together with some other minor changes, represented the following political composition of the police force area:

Lab	45.49%
Con	33.91%
Lib	6.15%
Ind	4.15%
Other	5.29%
Green	5.01%

Total	100.00%
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This would represent the following composition for a politically balanced Panel of 18 elected member seats:

<b>Lab</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Con</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Lib Dem</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Ind</b>	<b>1</b>

**Other**      1  
**Green**     1

Members were advised that in order to achieve a politically balanced Panel the local authorities who had nominated a representative from their Labour group and also had a 'Other' minority political group could be asked to consider changing their nominations. Alternatively, as there was also a requirement for the Panel membership to have skills, knowledge and experience necessary for it to discharge its functions effectively, the Panel could take the view to continue with its current membership until the end of 2023/24 to ensure continuity in its work programme.

Following discussion, the Panel's view was that the relevant authorities be contacted and asked to continue with their existing nominations to ensure consistency of membership and the retention of skills and experience.

**RESOLVED:** That Panel note the update to the Membership following recent changes in political compositions mainly at Blackburn with Darwen, and Burnley, and that relevant authorities be requested to continue with their nominated Members during 2023/24.

## **6. Performance Update**

The PCC presented an update on progress in developing the current Police and Crime Plan for Lancashire 2021-2025, highlighting key performance headlines, including items discussed at the two most recent Accountability Boards, including decreases in recorded crime, the doubling of seizures of cash over the same five month period the year prior, progress of the Targeted Operating Model and successes in disrupting organised gangs through Operation Warrior, and ASB through Operation Centurion, and distribution of funding through the latest Safer Streets funding.

The Royal College of Policing had released its report following its independent review into the Police handling of the Nicola Bulley investigation. A report was expected from the Chief Constable in the New Year, setting out his implementation plan in relation to the report's recommendations. This report would be shared with the Panel during at one the remaining meetings of the 2023/24 cycle of meetings.

Panel Members discussed the report and the following topics/issues were highlighted, which the PCC, and APCC responded to as follows:

- Decrease in Crime Under Operation Centurion – There had been a decrease in crime across multiple categories, with ASB reducing in hot spot areas, traditionally ASB had been vastly under-reported.
- ASB in Penwortham – Cllr Flannery raised concerns from Penwortham Town Council relating to Kings Fold, and the PCC agreed to look into this.

- 101 Calls – The PCC explained the graphs in the performance report, with Members discussing issues relating to call abandonment, with people abandoning 101 call and calling 999 instead. The PCC advised that people re-presenting calls was a known issue, and there was ways of tracking this, and to monitor the abandonment rate.
- Delays in charging Adult Rape suspects, and in cases going to Court – with it taking 249 days on average to charge a suspect, with only 7% leading to a charge, with the time taken for a case to go to Crown Court increasing to 462 days in Lancashire, which was a concern. The PCC and APCC gave further information, highlighting the 3 dedicated Rape and Serious Sexual Assault Teams, with outcome rates increasing, processes with the CPS needed to improve, including dedicated solicitors at CPS. Due to the length of time taken, or the individual circumstances of a case, some victims chose not to support police action.
- Reporting of crimes – If a number of crimes took place on the same place, in the same location, these were reported as the same incident, whereas multiple crime across different locations would be individually reported.
- 20mph/30mph enforcement – this was working well, with volunteers being trained to enforce in 20mph zones, and the Police in 30mph areas.
- Targeted Policing – Police not being seen in not hot spot areas – the PCC outlined ongoing recruitment to fill PCSO vacancies, with each area having a dedicated Beat Manager, officers receiving overtime to walk the beat under Operation Centurion, and investment in rural taskforces.
- Unauthorised entry into land – Police not using new powers to an acceptable level- the PCC agreed that the Police response needed to more robust and was something that the Chief Constable would be reporting back on to the PCC.
- Police Morale – This was generally good according to the Annual Survey, but there were pockets of issues.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

## **7. PCC Decisions**

A report was submitted highlighting decisions made by the PCC and Chief Executive, or authorised officer, under delegated authority, in the period since the last meeting of the Panel on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

## **8. Task and Finish Groups – Verbal Updates from the Chairs and Work Programme 2023-24**

The Panel received an update on the progress of the Task and Finish Groups.

Councillor Mark Townsend reported on the ongoing work of the Violence against Women and Girls Group, which included recent meeting with Victims Support, and Cllr Townsend had recently attended an on-line national seminar on the topic, which was very informative. The Group wanted one more meetings with a Victims Support Group, before meeting with the PCC again in the New Year, ahead of production of a final report.

Miranda Carruthers Watt gave an update on the work of the Rural Crime Task and Finish Group, with information being received from the OPCC about targeted thefts and recovery of goods, and a meeting was planned in the New Year to talk to the OPCC and colleagues.

**RESOLVED** – That the updates be noted.

## **9. Annual PCP Conference 2023**

The Panel received a report and verbal updates from the Chair, Vice Chair and Phil Llewellyn on their attendance with the Secretary at the Annual PCP Conference held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Warwick University.

Once again, the Conference was a great networking opportunity and an opportunity to hear about best practice and experiences elsewhere.

Key takeaways from these sessions included, to assist scrutiny, the Panel should be provided with statistics as to how Lancashire's crime and ASB figures and percentage increases/decreases compared with other forces and be supplied with the reports of HM Inspectorate of Forces on the Force. Other ideas were having in depth presentations on specific subjects and members visiting the Control Room.

Lines of questions to the Commissioner should include whether the Commissioner was checking the right culture and attitudes were operating within the Force and that the recruitment process supported this. The Commissioner should be asked what themes were emerging from meetings with his Commissioner colleagues and what he was doing on the national scene.

The operation of the Control Room was a key driver to public confidence in the Force and suggested innovations include a call back system and having a portal for the public to report in suspicious activities/conduct.

The PCC was supportive of the feedback and suggestions and gave examples of the existing approach in these areas.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

### **10. Complaints Update**

The Secretary advised that there had been one potential complaint, which was a Police Operational matter, and at the present time it did not constitute a complaint.

**RESOLVED** – That the update be noted.

### **11. Urgent Business**

There are no items of urgent business.

### **12. Date of Next Meeting**

The Panel noted that the next meeting would be held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 (Precept) at 4pm at Blackburn Town Hall.



## **Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

#### **Present:**

##### **Chair**

Councillor Jackie Oakes, Rossendale Borough Council

##### **Committee Members**

Councillor Quesir Mahmood, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Chorley Borough Council

Councillor Chris Dixon, Fylde Borough Council

Councillor Matthew Lee, Fylde Borough Council

Councillor Peter Edwards , Hyndburn Borough Council

Councillor Michael Green, Lancashire County Council

Councillor Catherine Armistead, Lancaster City Council

Councillor Mark Townsend, Burnley Borough Council

Councillor David Whipp, Pendle Borough Council

Councillor Pat Varty, Preston City Council

Councillor Jan Alcock, Ribble Valley 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

Richard Glover, Independent Co-opted Member

Miranda Carruthers Watt, Independent Co-opted Member

##### **Also in attendance**

- Andrew Snowden, Police and Crime Commissioner
- Andrew Pratt, Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner
- Angela Harrison, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Steve Freeman, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Asad Laher, Secretary
- Phil Llewellyn, Democratic & Scrutiny Lead

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair, Councillor Jackie Oakes, welcomed all to the meeting, apologies had been received from Councillors Armistead and Hunter.

It was noted that the Minutes of the last meeting would be submitted to the next ordinary Panel meeting, but Asad Laher advised that subsequent to discussions on membership of the Panel at the last meeting, it had been confirmed that Cllr Mark

Townsend would continue as Burnley BC's representative, and therefore the Panel Membership remained the same.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.

## **3. Recruitment of Chief Constable**

A report was submitted informing the Police and Crime Panel of the retirement of the current Chief Constable (CC), Christopher Rowley. It provided detail on the timescales and process for the recruitment of a replacement permanent Chief Constable.

The Police and Crime Panel were required to hold a Confirmation Hearing to review the proposed appointment and then submit a report to the Police and Crime Commissioner on whether the appointment should be made. The report set out in broad terms the recruitment timetable for the recruitment of the Chief Constable. Under legislation the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) had to appoint an independent member to be part of the appointments panel. Their role was to ensure the appointments process was conducted in line with the principles of merit, fairness and openness, and the successful candidate was selected on merit. They were required to submit a report to the Police and Crime Panel to be considered at the confirmation hearing. The Commissioner had also invited the Chair and Vice-Chair to independently observe the recruitment process.

Members of the Panel commented on the recruitment process, highlighting the need for continuity going forwards, particularly in light of potential changes as a result of the PCC Elections, which could mean a change of both CC and PCC at virtually the same time, with the appointment of the right candidate being crucial. Members also highlighted the several changes of Chief Constable in recent years in Lancashire.

The PCC gave assurances about the use of core competences as set out by the College of Policing and also advised that the newly launched Targeted Operating Model (TOM) would help ensure the direction of policing in Lancashire, whilst noting that there was a limited talent pool for such appointments, and also that once police staff had reached 30 years service they were worse off in terms of their pension if they continued to work, which meant that senior figures tended to retire in their early 50s, and that this was a something that needed to be looked at nationally.

The PCC and Panel Members placed on record their appreciation for the dedicated service of the CC, in particular his positive contributions to Lancashire as CC over the last few years.

**RESOLVED –**

- I) Note the content of the report and agree to organise a Confirmation Hearing on 4 March 2024 to enable the Panel to review the recruitment process in accordance with legislation.
- II) Agree the proposal as set out in 2.7 of the report (involvement of Chair and Vice Chair in observing the recruitment process).

#### **4. Police and Crime Commissioner's Budget 2024-25**

The Commissioner outlined his report which set out the forecast for the Police and Crime budgets in Lancashire for 2024/2025 and proposals in relation to the Council Tax Precept.

The report identified the current provisional funding position for 2024/25 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 2024/25 budget were identified in an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

The report referred to the Government announcement on 14th December 2023 for the Provisional Police Grant Settlement. Lancashire had been allocated police grant of £244.600m. This increase was in addition to the permanent additional funding provided in 2023/24 of £8.399m to support the 7% pay award for police officers from September 2023.

The Commissioner outlined cost pressures of £25.244m, and savings of £5.932m. Referring to the assumption that Council Tax base in Lancashire would increase by 1.5% in 2024/25, it was therefore proposed to increase the Council Tax precept by £11.95 for a Band D property in 2024/25.

The PCC also reported on the use of Reserves, and on engagement with the public in respect of his budget proposals for 2024/25.

Members of the Panel then asked a number of questions and made comments on the Commissioner's proposals, the Commissioner responded to the comments and questions, advising:

- Issues with Border areas/Call Centres/delayed responses – the PCC agreed to look into the issues and provide a briefing in response.
- Council Tax increasing whilst the Government were cutting taxes- Several Members referred to another increase in Council Tax, whilst at the same time the Government was promoting tax cuts, and felt that the PCC should have explored other options to help reduce the percentage Council Tax increase. In response, the Commissioner stated that there was nothing new about Council Tax being funded by both the core grant and local funding, whilst acknowledging comments from Panel Members about the low Council Tax base, particularly in East Lancashire, but advised that there was some funding

each year that helped to alleviate this, although the formula was now around 20 years old.

- An issue relating to a victim in South Ribble that had taken 7 years so far and was still not resolved – The Commissioner was aware of this case and referred to delays with IOPC cases, stating that the situation was unacceptable and that he would continue to pick this matter up.
- Sufficiency of investment into Digital Investigations of £200k- The PCC advised that these were specialist roles, in high demand, which were also hard to recruit to, and that only a small team was required.
- ‘Conservative’ saving targets and low use of Reserves- The Commissioner referred to the TOM and the savings already delivered, and there may be more to come, with the PCC advising that the targets were achievable and that these could be achieved without disruptions.
- Engagement with the public on deployment of Neighbourhood Teams – The PCC advised that this was at the CC’s discretion, and the best engagement was where local teams spoke to residents and where people could see outcomes on a day to day basis.
- Issues with Children’s Homes/missing person searches for children from outside the area, was funding available for this? The PCC advised that there was no additional money available in such cases, and referred to similar issues with HMOs, with some people on probation not funded, and unfortunately there was no easy answers to these issues.
- Would the Equality Impact Assessment (E.I.A) referred to available to view? The Chief Executive agreed to check, but indicated that this should be available on the Lancashire Constabulary website.

Panel Members then moved to the vote. In agreeing the recommendations by majority vote, the Panel requested that the official letter sent back to the PCC referred to the concerns of Members that the funding of the Police should not keep falling on residents each year, whilst at the same time the Government was cutting taxes, which it was felt was a case of moving one tax to another.

## **RESOLVED –**

That the Police and Crime Panel:

- Note the details of the 2024/25 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 £11.95 ( 4.75%) for a Band D property in 2024/25;

- Make arrangements to ensure that a formal written response to the proposals is sent to the Commissioner by 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
- Note the draft capital investment programme for the period 2024/25 to 2028/29;
- Note the position of the Commissioner's reserves in 2024/25 and future years.

## **5. Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

## **6. Date of Next Meeting**

The meeting scheduled in case of the Precept not being agreed (on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024) was now not required, so the next meeting of the Panel would be held at 4pmm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Signed.....Chair  
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## POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 4 March 2024

### Police & Crime Commissioner's Update

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Panel with an update on progress in developing the current Police and Crime Plan (the Plan) for Lancashire 2021-2025.

This report also aims to highlight some of activity of the PCC/Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to consider the report.

### 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 Accountability Board meeting.
2. This link <https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/meetings-reports/accountability-board-meeting/> details of the Accountability Board papers received from the Chief Constable and the Minutes of the meeting records the PCC holding the Chief Constable to account.
3. The Panel are therefore referred to the Accountability Board meetings and may through today's meeting ask the Police and Crime Commissioner issues they feel relevant to the Scrutiny activity.

### Performance Headlines

#### *Chief Constable Recruitment*

4. Following the announcement that Chief Constable Chris Rowley would retire in Spring at the beginning of 2024, the Police and Crime Commissioner launched the recruitment process to identify a new Chief Constable, with applications closing in early February 2024.

The Commissioner outlined that he sought to appoint a Chief Constable who possessed the skills and expertise to harness, prioritise and build on the foundations in place to continue the delivery of the priorities set out in his Police

and Crime Plan. Moreover, the Commissioner wishes to appoint a Chief Constable who endeavours to build on the Constabulary's reputation as the most pro-active, crime fighting force in the country, with a highly visible presence, whose officers and staff were seen as figures of authority and respect, with a clear focus on reducing the number of victims, ensured that people felt safe and instilled public confidence.

### *Budget Consultation*

5. The Commissioner launched his budget consultation at the end of November 2023, which asked the public for their views ahead of setting the police budget for Lancashire Constabulary for 2024/25.

The survey asked for the public's views regarding what issues matter most to them, what Lancashire Police should focus on, and whether the public would be willing to pay more through the council tax 'precept' to bolster the Force's budget and the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

Following consultation with the Police and Crime Panel on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, the Commissioner took the decision to set the precept at 4.75%. The formal notification of this decision was made available via the Commissioner's website, alongside the associated recommendation report (links below):

- [Decision Notice](#)
- [Recommendation Report](#)

### *Operation Warrior*

6. Operation Warrior, the campaign taking the fight to organised crime, marked its first year since launch. Over the course of the Operation's first year, there have been 1,212 suspects arrested, 352 vulnerable children and adults safeguarded, 649 years of jail time sentenced, and seizures of 10,550 cannabis plants, 286KG of class A and class B drugs, and £1.2M of cash.

The Operation, supported by online appeals, updates, leaflets, and a radio and billboard campaign, has resulted in a recorded increase in information being passed to the Police, which has provided vital intelligence to continue to close the net on organised crime and bring more offenders to justice.

7. In early 2024, further results were reported from the Operation, as follows:-
  - Arrests of crime gang suspects increased by 35%.
  - Cash seizures from organised crime gangs increased by 103%.
  - Jail time for organised crime gang members increased by 25%.
  - The number of cannabis plants increased by 250%.
  - The amount of class A and B drugs seized increased by 200%.

### *Operation Centurion*

8. There has continued to be success through the delivery of Operation Centurion, which seeks to take the fight to anti-social behaviour, with:
  - Over 14,000 additional policing hours in police hotspots.
  - Since launching in July 2023, officers have:-
    - Attended 1,378 incidents,
    - Carried out over 3,300 stop checks,
    - Carried out over 640 stop searches, and;
    - Made upwards of 140 arrests.

Additional hotspot patrols were initially announced for six areas of Lancashire, following the Commissioner's successful bid to secure £2m worth of funding from Government. Since, an additional eight hotspot areas have been identified, meaning dedicated anti-social behaviour hotspot patrols are now being carried out in every district across the county.

### *Drink and Drug Driving Campaign*

9. At the beginning of December, the Police and Crime Commissioner joined Lancashire Constabulary in launching a joint campaign, targeting drink and drug drivers, particularly during the festive period.

The campaign, which links into the Fighting Crime Priority of 'targeting dangerous drivers', urged drug drivers to 'get help or get caught'. Through December and until New Year, officers intensified their work around this, stopping drivers at checkpoints and targeting people where intelligence suggested they may be drug or drink-driving.

In a bid to educate drivers about the dangers of drug driving, a multimedia campaign was launched in Lancashire across billboards, beer mats, posters, radio ads and social media to warn about the effects of drug driving and to signpost people to supportive services via Talk to Frank. Lancashire County Council committed £3000 towards the campaign, which also urged people to contact Crimestoppers if they suspected anyone who was driving impaired.

### *Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Funding Allocations*

10. At the end of 2023, £77,000 was awarded to projects to take the fight to criminals in Lancashire, utilising cash seized from offenders to boost schemes that worked to make the county safer.

Eleven local projects received funding from the Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Fund (SLNF), including activities to keep people away from crime, installing more CCTV cameras, and supporting vulnerable people.

The latest Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Fund Community Fund grants issued were, as follows: -



<b>East</b>	
Organisation Name	ACT at the Cheethams
Project Name	ACT at the Cheethams
Location	Blackburn with Darwen
Amount of Funding Awarded	£9,804
Summary	The Safe project at the Cheethams, led by ACT at the Cheethams, aims to establish a weekend drop-in centre, providing a safe refuge for children and young people, reducing the risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour and minor crime.

<b>East</b>	
Organisation Name	Barlick First
Project Name	Barlick First Youth Sessions
Location	Pendle
Amount of Funding Awarded	£9,560
Summary	The Barlick First Youth Sessions project, led by Barlick First, in Pendle aims to develop targeted sessions for young people aged 11-19, with a focus on the 14-16 age group, addressing anti-social behaviour.

<b>East</b>	
Organisation Name	Blackburn BID – Newground CIC
Project Name	Operation BAUBle (Blackburn Against Unacceptable Behaviour)
Location	Blackburn with Darwen
Amount of Funding Awarded	£6,002.50
Summary	Operation BAUBle, a partnership project led by Blackburn BID and Newground CIC, involves security patrols and town centre police-led operations to deter anti-social behaviour and minor crime.

<b>East</b>	
Organisation Name	Oswaldtwistle Immanuel Cricket Club
Project Name	CCTV Installation
Location	Hyndburn
Amount of Funding Awarded:	£1,371
Summary	Oswaldtwistle Immanuel Cricket Club aims to enhance security through a CCTV installation project, covering the Cricket and Bowling Clubs and entrances to prevent anti-social behaviour.

<b>West</b>	
Organisation Name	Lancaster City Council
Project Name	Westgate and Mainway CCTV
Location	Lancaster
Amount of Funding Awarded	£10,000
Summary	Lancaster City Council's Westgate and Mainway CCTV project involves the installation of cameras to address anti-social behaviour and enhance security, aligning with efforts to disrupt organised crime.

<b>West</b>	
Organisation Name	Lancaster City Council
Project Name	Westgate and Mainway CCTV
Location	Lancaster
Amount of Funding Awarded	£10,000
Summary	Lancaster City Council's Westgate and Mainway CCTV project involves the installation of cameras to address anti-social behaviour and enhance security, aligning with efforts to disrupt organised crime.

<b>West</b>	
Organisation Name	St Annes on the Sea Town Council
Project Name	Summer Activity Sessions (SAS)
Location	Fylde
Amount of Funding Awarded	£10,000
Summary	St Annes on the Sea Town Council's SAS project aims to combat boredom and promote positive learning experiences through diverse activities during summer holidays, aligning with the priority of getting tough on anti-social behaviour.

<b>West</b>	
Organisation Name	The Trinity Parish
Project Name	No More Knives Campaign
Location	Blackpool
Amount of Funding Awarded	£9,000
Summary	The Trinity Parish's No More Knives Campaign addresses anti-social behaviour by combining music, powerful stories, and education to equip young people with the skills to reject knives.

<b>South</b>	
Organisation Name	City Church Preston
Project Name	Perimeter Fencing
Location	Preston
Amount of Funding Awarded	£8,000
Summary	City Church Preston's Perimeter Fencing project aims to secure part of the site to prevent illicit activities, supporting the priority of getting tough on anti-social behaviour.

<b>South</b>	
Organisation Name	Community Network and Outreach Services CIC
Project Name	CNOS Youth Initiative
Location	South Ribble
Amount of Funding Awarded	£10,000
Summary	Community Network and Outreach Services CIC's CNOS Youth Initiative provides non-formal educational sessions for young people, aiming to address issues and support the community against anti-social behaviour and organised crime.

<b>South</b>	
Organisation Name	Tanteron Village Centre
Project Name	CCTV Upgrade
Location	Preston
Amount of Funding Awarded	£2,152.42
Summary	Tanteron Village Centre's CCTV Upgrade project involves installing cameras to enhance surveillance and address disturbances in specific areas, aligning with priorities of getting tough on anti-social behaviour and cracking down on burglary and robbery.

<b>Pan-Lancashire</b>	
Organisation Name	Certain Curtain Theatre Company
Project Name	Lady In Red – Domestic Abuse Project
Location	Pan-Lancashire
Amount of Funding Awarded	£2,600
Summary	Certain Curtain Theatre Company's Lady In Red – Domestic Abuse Project aims to raise awareness about domestic abuse through live theatre performances and educational workshops, aligning with the priority of tackling domestic abuse and sexual violence.

11. Another £33,000 was confirmed through the Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Fund at the start of 2024:

Organisation Name	Beacon Rossendale
Project Name	Beacon Shed at the Whitaker
Location	Rossendale
Amount of Funding Awarded	£3,490.66
Summary	Extend their CCTV system to cover the Beacon area of the shed, storage shed and surrounding entrances.

Organisation Name	IMO Charity
Project Name	Agaah - Awareness
Location	Blackburn with Darwen
Amount of Funding Awarded	£9,950
Summary	Run a road safety/awareness programme within Blackburn with Darwen, engaging parents and children to keep them safe in the evening, avoiding accidents and supporting individual marshalling at individual Madrassah.

Organisation Name	Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnership
Project Name	IMPACT!
Location	Chorley and South Ribble
Amount of Funding Awarded	£10,000
Summary	Project run in conjunction with C.E.L.L.S and Natural High to educate children and young people about the effects of engaging in criminal behaviour and its related issues/consequences

Organisation Name	Lancashire Youth Challenge
Project Name	RESTORE
Location	Preston
Amount of Funding Awarded	£10,000
Summary	A collaboration between several partners, including Foxtan Centre, Lancashire Youth Challenge, Preston Bus station, and Sector Security aiming to facilitate staff training and youth engagement initiatives designed to reduce anti-social behaviour.

### *Observing Policing Operation of Major Event*

12. The Commissioner joined officers in Blackburn during November to observe the arrangements for policing a major event. In this case, a football match between Blackburn Rovers vs Preston North End.

The Commissioner met with the policing teams involved and observed how they operated in preparation for and during an event of this nature in terms of the intelligence and partnership working that took place to ensure public safety. For example, visiting the operations room at Ewood Park alongside representatives from the Club, policing, other emergency services and local authorities who worked in collaboration.

### *Veterans in Communities*

13. At the end of last year, the Commissioner visited Rossendale based charity Veterans in Communities (VIC) who support those who have served in the Armed Forces and Emergency services in East Lancashire and areas of Greater Manchester. The charity worked to ensure those that have retired from service remained engaged with former colleagues and had access to support whilst utilising their skills and knowledge.

The visit provided Commissioner Snowden the opportunity to observe how they engaged with former police officers and the work they undertook to strengthen connections within the community. The Commissioner observed how the charity engaged veterans in recreational activities and discussed how further ties could be made with Lancashire Constabulary to increase the number of retired police officers who made use of the services offered at the VIC.

### *Neighbourhood Policing Week*

14. The Commissioner welcomed Lancashire Constabulary's involvement in the national 'Neighbourhood Policing Week' initiative, highlighting the important role neighbourhood policing played in ensuring local communities felt safe and highlighted the different ways local officers took the fight to criminals.

Activities during the week included:-

- Initiatives to tackle burglary, bike theft and anti-social behaviour,
- Visits to schools and community groups,
- Targeted action aimed at reducing drug and traffic offences; and,
- Public engagement events.

### *Working with Partners*

15. A meeting between the Commissioner, Burnley Business Improvement District (BID), local officers, the local Member of Parliament and the Council's Chief Executive saw discussions regarding Burnley Town Centre policing.

Discussions involved recent operations in Burnley town centre, including a pre-Christmas crackdown on anti-social behaviour, illegal e-scooters and other concerns raised by the public.

Opportunities for collaboration were also discussed to deter crime, such as CCTV, Stopwatch and other intervention programmes that seek address the root causes of anti-social behaviour and other offences.

#### *Accountability Board*

16. The Commissioner held an extraordinary Accountability Board meeting to discuss progress with the Chief Constable and his team on the action plan that seeks to address the local recommendations from the 'Independent External Review of Lancashire Constabulary's Operational Response to missing person Nicola Bulley'.

#### **Recommendation**

17. Panel Members are recommended to consider the information contained in this report alongside the information provided within the meeting and comment accordingly.

**Angela Harrison**  
Chief Executive

## POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 4 March 2024

### 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 Chief Executive, or authorised officer, under delegated authority in the period since the last meeting of the Panel on the 4 December 2023.

#### 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/>

**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 4 December 2023. These are set out in the table below.

Decision Reference	Decision Title	PCC Priority	Date of Decision
32/2023	Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Fund – Community Fund	All	24 November 2023
33/2023	Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Fund	All	7 December 2023
34/2023	Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Fund – Community Fund	All	8 January 2024
35/2023	Financial position at 30 September 2023	Governance	30 January 2024
36/2023	OPCC Risk Register (restricted)	Governance	30 January 2024
37/2023	OPCC Treasury Management update	Governance	30 January 2024
38/2023	Revenue Budget and Precept 2024/25. Capital Investment Programme 2024/25 and Future Years	Governance	13 February 2024
39/2023	Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Fund – Police Innovation Fund	All	18 December 2023
40/2023	Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Fund – Police Innovation Fund	All	29 January 2024
	Delegated Decisions		27 February 2024

**3. Chief Executive's Delegated Decisions**

3.1 The Panel will recall that the Commissioner has agreed to the Chief Executive'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 27 February 2024. 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.

## Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire

Meeting to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Timetable of Meetings 2024/2025

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#### Executive Summary

This report sets out the proposed Timetable of Meetings for 2024/25.

#### Recommendation

The Police & Crime Panel are asked to agree the Timetable of Meetings for 2024/25.

### 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.

The Panel have previously agreed that meetings will be held at **Blackburn Town Hall at 4pm**, with the exception of the Annual General Meeting, which will commence at **10am**.

These meetings will be webcast, with Meeting Room A at Blackburn Town Hall as the venue.

### Timetable of Meetings for the Panel

The Timetable below proposes dates of Panel meetings in 2024/25:

<b>DATE/TIME/VENUE</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 –AGM &amp; Annual Induction Session</b> 10am, followed by Annual Induction after lunch.
<b>Tuesday 1st October 2024</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025</b>
<b>Wednesday 29th January 2025 (Precept only)</b>

<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (if required –dependant on Precept decision)</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – AGM &amp; Annual Induction Session.</b>

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**

The Panel are being consulted on dates at today's meeting, but the proposed times are as agreed previously by the Panel.

### **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.

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

Paper	Date	Contact
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