

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

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

#### **Present:**

##### **Chair**

Councillor Jackie Oakes, Rossendale Borough Council

##### **Committee Members**

Councillor Peter Wilson, Chorley Borough Council  
Councillor Stella Brunskill, Ribble Valley Borough Council  
Councillor Simon Hore, Ribble Valley Borough Council  
Councillor Qesir Mahmood, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council  
Councillor Peter Hunter, Blackpool Council  
Councillor Martyn Hurt, Burnley Borough Council  
Councillor Roger Berry, Wyre Borough Council  
Councillor Peter Le-Marinel, Wyre Borough Council

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

- Andrew Snowden, Police and Crime Commissioner
- Andrew Pratt, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
- Angela Harrison, Office of the PCC
- Asad Laher, Secretary
- Phil Llewellyn, Corporate and Democratic Lead

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillors Bradley, Williamson, Dad, Thornberry, Boswell, Andrews, Threlfall, McGladdery, Flannery, Dowling and from the Independent co-opted Member, Dave Spellman.

#### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** - The Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were 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. Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025

The PCC, Andrew Snowden, thanked the Panel for their input into the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025 and outlined the consultation and engagement processes that had been undertaken across Lancashire.

The PCC advised that the Plan determined priorities over the next four years and the allocation of the budget and resources, and also indicated that a new Scrutiny and Accountability Framework would be established with Lancashire Constabulary and that this would be discussed with the Panel, and that Key Performance Indicators would be shared with the Panel, once the basket of indicators had been agreed with Lancashire Constabulary.

The Panel asked the Commissioner a number of questions on the Plan and its priorities, with the Commissioner advising in response:

- Anti-Social Behaviour – the results of the approaches to this may well be more noticeable towards the end of the Plan's four year period, but the Uplift programme was halfway through and more officers were being deployed, with a focus on Problem Orientated Policing.
- Domestic Violence – Children would also be a key priority, the PCC and DPCC advised that the long process to get perpetrators to Court was an issue, and a whole number of factors contributed to the rise in cases, which included greater reporting. The DPCC referred to the important role of the Lancashire Victim Service, a new contract for which had been signed off a week ago.
- Allocation of the latest 18 Uplift Officers – these had been spread across Lancashire and officers needed to be deployed into key areas of service such as dedicated Neighbourhood Teams.
- Proceeds of Crime Act- Seizure of goods and a better assessment of financial holdings and property were the best approaches identified.
- Criminal Justice System/Criminal Justice Board – This was the main operational priority – dealing with the backlog in Courts due to Covid-19, and working with the Criminal Justice System to help ensure cases come to Court sooner, as the long delays meant there was less chance of victims following the process until the end and the delay in bringing cases to Court also affected the sentencing options available.
- Front Counters – one Front Counter would eventually be open in each Borough District, and the programme for these would be announced by the end of the financial year.
- Road Policing – initiatives, including working with schools and volunteers were underway.

The Commissioner advised that the Plan would be officially launched on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and a number of key police announcements would be made at the same time.

**RESOLVED** – That the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025 be noted.

## **6. PCC Update Report**

The Commissioner submitted a report which provided Members of the Panel with an update on progress in developing the Police and Crime Plan for Lancashire 2021-2025, and also highlighted some of the activity of the PCC and his Office.

The PCC particularly made reference to the Knife Angel sculpture in Blackburn Town Centre, which had been a very successful education and engagement opportunity, and had also tied in with stop and search activity and confiscation of a number of knives.

The Commissioner highlighted the high demand for 101/999 services, of which 80% of contact was non crime related, with Mental Health still a major demand on Police time. The Commissioner also advised that he would be liaising with key partners and agencies to agree the best approach to this to ensure that Police were doing their core work, but also so that people got the right help, ie. right care/right person.

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

## **7. PCC Decisions**

A report was submitted highlighting decisions made by the PCC or his officers, since the last meeting of the Panel on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

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

## **8. Annual PCP Conference November 2021**

A report was submitted which gave details of the 10<sup>th</sup> National Conference for Chairs, Members and Officers of Police (Fire) and Crime Panels held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at the University of Warwick, which was attended by the Chair, Asad Laher and Phil Llewellyn.

All three delegates found the Conference very informative and particularly useful in terms of networking and benchmarking, and the Chair had already had discussions since the Conference with the Chair of another Panel to gauge if any of their approaches would be of benefit to the Panel.

Attendance at such Conferences and Seminars (such as the Annual LGA PCP Workshop) are a very helpful way of checking the Panel was on the right track when carrying out its functions and is receiving the latest information on emerging policy developments and best practice.

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

## **9. Task and Finish Groups – Verbal Updates from the Chairs**

Roger Berry and Peter Le-Marinel advised that they had been liaising with Paul Conlon who was providing officer support for both Task and Finish Groups, and scoping documents had been agreed and that they were waiting for feedback from the Commissioner's Office.

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

## **10. Monitoring of Complaints – Verbal Update**

Asad Laher verbally reported that one complaint had been received which had been assessed and which was not within the remit of the Panel.

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

## **11. Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

## **12. Dates of next meetings**

The Chair advised that the meeting due to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 had been postponed following a request from the Commissioner's Office, this would now be held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022, with the 'if required' meeting, dependent on the Precept decision, now taking place on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Following discussion, it was agreed that both meetings would take place at Blackburn Town Hall at 6pm.

Signed.....Chair  
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