

Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th March 2022

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 Quesir Mahmood, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Councillor Peter Hunter, Blackpool Council
Councillor Martyn Hurt, Burnley Borough Council
Councillor Roger Berry, Wyre Borough Council
Councillor Philippa Williamson, Lancashire County Council
Councillor Munsif Dad, Hyndburn Borough Council
Councillor Frank Andrews, Fylde Borough Council
Councillor James Flannery, South Ribble 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, Thornberry, Boswell, Threlfall, McGladdery, Le-Marinel and Dowling.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED - The Minutes of the meetings held on 6th December 2021 and 1st February 2022 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. PCC Update

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 Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner also updated the Panel on recent activities and initiatives he was leading on.

Members of the Panel commented on the report and several members highlighted the improved attendance of police representatives at Parish and Town Council meetings, and the importance of keeping local councillors involved and informed of any visits to their areas/wards by the Police or the Commissioner himself.

The positive changes being observed in rural areas were highlighted, and Panel Members asked the Commissioner how the positive news was being disseminated, with the Commissioner advising that key methods included the Stakeholder Newsletter, Social Media and working with the Chief Constable to ensure that all police staff attending meetings were aware of the latest developments and initiatives.

The Panel and Commissioner discussed the importance of the Court system in ensuring that the positive work was leading to outcomes, in terms of available Court dates and Barristers and key staff being available to help free up the current backlog, and the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner highlighted some potential changes that would assist in this regard, with the Commissioner meeting with key representatives the following week in London to discuss such matters. The impact on victims of delays in the judicial system was also highlighted and the need for Victim Support for those affected.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. PCC Decisions

A report was submitted highlighting decisions made by the PCC or his officers, since the last meeting of the Panel on 6th December 2021.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. Progress of the Task Groups

A report was submitted which gave the Panel an update on the progress of the two Task Groups looking at the 101 Service and Neighbourhood Policing.

The Neighbourhood Task Group had finished its work, which included meeting with the Commissioner for an open discussion on the priorities in his Policing Plan and noted how this shaped the vision for policing in the County, and how he would hold the Chief Constable to account for delivery of his priorities and the methods for measuring success, and it was recommended that a further Task Group be set up at the appropriate time to look at the delivery of the priorities.

The 101 Task Group had developed key lines of enquiry, but had not been able to visit the Force Control Room due to Storm Eunice, but revised arrangements were being made and a report with recommendations would be submitted to the AGM in July.

RESOLVED – That the progress of the Task Groups be noted and the report and recommendations of the Neighbourhood Policing Task Group be noted and agreed, and that the report be circulated to all the authorities represented on the Panel as a good example of the scrutiny process.

8. Appointment of Co-opted Members

Asad Laher verbally reported on the two vacancies for Independent Co-opted Members following the recent resignation of Dave Spellman, and the recruitment process, with the aim of having two new Members in time for the AGM meeting in July.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

9. Timetable of Meetings 2022/23

The Panel discussed the most suitable dates, times and venues to meet at during the 2022/23 Municipal Year and agreed that with the exception of the AGM, which needed a longer time slot for the Induction, that all meetings be held at **Blackburn Town Hall** on the following dates:

- **Monday 4th July 2022 – 10am AGM & Annual Induction including lunch.**
- **Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 4pm.**
- **Monday 5th December at 4pm.**
- **Wednesday 1st February (Precept Only) at 4pm.**
- **Wednesday 15th February 2023 (if required – dependant on Precept decision) at 4pm.**
- **Monday 6th March 2023 at 4pm.**
- **Monday 3rd July 2023 - 10am AGM & Annual Induction including lunch.**

RESOLVED – That the Timetable of Meetings for 2022/23 be agreed

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, and that a number of

complaints being received were not within the remit of the Panel and that a flow chart would be designed for the website to route complaints to the right body.

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 meeting

- As agreed at Agenda Item 9, the next Panel meeting on Monday 4th July 2022 at 10am at Blackburn Town Hall would be the AGM & Annual Induction including lunch.

Signed.....Chair
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