



## West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

### Draft Minutes

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018, County Hall, Wakefield

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Alison Lowe (Chair)	- Leeds City Council
	Councillor Steve Pullen	- Bradford Council
	Councillor Geraldine Carter	- Calderdale Council
	Councillor Steve Sweeney	- Calderdale Council
	Councillor Linda Wilkinson	- Kirklees Council
	Councillor Amanda Carter	- Leeds City Council
	Councillor Josie Jarosz	- Leeds City Council
	Councillor Steve Tulley	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Councillor Alan Wassell	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Mrs Jo Sykes	- Independent

<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Sharon Fraser	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Samantha Wilkinson	- City of Wakefield MDC

***Mark Burns-Williamson PCC  
Chief Constable, Dee Collins  
DCC John Robbins,  
Nigel Brook, Asst Chief Officer WYP  
Katherine Johnson, OPCC Treasurer***

#### **1. Acceptance of apologies for absence**

1.1 Apologies were received from Mr Roger Grasby and Councillor Tariq Hussain.

#### **2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.

#### **3. To note any items which the Chair has agreed to add to the agenda on the grounds of urgency.**

3.1 The Chair confirmed that there were no items to add to the agenda.

#### **4. Members' Declaration of Interests**

4.1 There were no declarations of interest made.

#### **5. PCC Precept Proposal for 2018/19**

5.1 The Commissioner presented a report to the Panel on his proposed precept for 2018/19.

5.2 The Panel asked the Commissioner a series of questions which related to his precept proposal, the budget assumptions which underpinned it and his future financial plans.

5.3 The questions covered issues including:

5.3.1 The impact of not increasing the precept by the proposed amount

5.3.2 How the PCC will ensure that transformational activities are delivered and will contribute to an improved financial position in the longer term

5.3.3 Assurances that the numbers of new recruits committed to as part of the precept process will be met

5.3.4 Deployment and visibility of the new recruits

5.3.5 Clarity on the reserves position and how risk around the increased use of these reserves is considered

5.3.6 The viability of the PCC's consultation with the public

5.3.7 The need to ensure that all investments lead to improved and more cost effective services

5.3.8 Consideration of the impact on Council Tax payers.

#### **6. Panel Response to Precept Proposal**

##### **6.1 RESOLVED**

**Following discussion with the Commissioner, Panel members voted and unanimously agreed to endorse the proposal to increase the Council Tax by 7.95% on the basis that the Police and Crime Commissioner would:**

- 6.1.1 Continue the programme of recruitment in 2018/19 - recruiting 143 Officer equivalents (net), whilst ensuring that the necessary capability, skills and expertise are secured to meet the changing demands of policing. Additionally, where police staff and officers do not have the required skills, that the force has a programme of skills development and external procurement**
- 6.1.2 Ensure that these additional posts resource priority areas including road policing in specific areas**
- 6.1.3 Consider the scope to re-shape and rebuild the way policing is undertaken in West Yorkshire with more radical and innovative thinking that maximises the opportunities of funding from the Government's Transformation Fund**
- 6.1.4 Provide regular detail on the outcome of the Fusion programme and transformational activities along with the governance arrangements for implementation and programme management as well as any contingency planning in the case that efficiencies are not projected to be delivered**
- 6.1.5 Provide further detail on the development of collaboration with blue light services ensuring that he works closely with local authorities on youth engagement and with those at risk of being disaffected**
- 6.1.6 Provide regular updates on the progress of the implementation of the Neighbourhood Policing Review ensuring the published numbers of Police Officers and staff are delivered.**

## **7. Commissioner's Response to any current issues**

- 7.1 The Commissioner notified Panel that the Minister for Policing, Nick Hurd had written out to PCCs regarding the future requirements for the policing settlement. It is believed that the targets will be collective national targets. The PCC agreed to report back to Panel as soon as this information is clear.
- 7.2 The Commissioner advised Panel that he is lead on Forensics for the APCC's. The PCC informed Panel of issues that are being faced by some Forces due to forensic services being outsourced to private companies which have then gone out of business. Whilst this is not having a direct impact on West Yorkshire, as the PCC has invested in a scientific support unit, it does have wider implications and affects public confidence in the system. The PCC stated that he will be raising this matter with the Minister.
- 7.3 Panel were informed that HM Chief Inspector of Fire & Rescue Services, Tom Windsor had visited the Force the previous day and that they had received very positive feedback.

7.4 Panel asked whether the recent highlighted cases of prosecutions being dropped at a late stage after full investigations of social and digital media had any implications for West Yorkshire. The Chief Inspector responded to the question and commented that there had been liaison with the local CPS and there had not been any direct issues for West Yorkshire. However they will be looking at bringing updated training in over the next few months to ensure that all officers and staff are fully aware of their responsibilities.

## **7.5 RESOLVED**

**7.5.1 That the PCC reports back to Panel as soon as information on the required efficiency targets for the 2019/20 settlement is clarified.**

## **8. Agreed Actions Log**

8.1 The agreed actions were noted. It was noted that the impact assessments for changes to neighbourhood policing would be circulated as soon as possible.

## **8.2 RESOLVED**

**8.2.1 That the impact assessments for changes to neighbourhood policing be circulated to Panel as soon as possible.**

## **9. Forward Agenda Plan**

9.1 The forward agenda plan was noted.

## **10. Any Other Business**

10.1 Panel were informed of a recently recorded complaint about the Police and Crime Commissioner. It was agreed to call a Standards and Complaints Sub-Panel to consider the complaint and that Councillors Geraldine Carter and Steve Tulley sit on this along with Councillor Alan Wassell, Complaints lead.

## **10.1 RESOLVED**

**10.1.1 That Councillors Geraldine Carter and Steve Pullen sit on the Standards and Complaints Sub Panel with Councillor Alan Wassell as Chair.**

## **11. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

11.1 The next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel will take place on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March in the Old Restaurant, Town Hall, Wakefield.