



West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

Draft Minutes

1st February 2019, Town Hall, Wakefield

PRESENT:

Councillor Alison Lowe (Chair)	- Leeds City Council
Councillor Russell Brown	- Bradford Council
Councillor Tariq Hussain	- Bradford Council
Councillor Mohammed Naeem	- Calderdale Council
Councillor Sophie Whittaker	- Calderdale Council
Councillor Amanda Pinnock	- Kirklees Council
Councillor Andrew Pinnock	- Kirklees Council
Councillor Amanda Carter	- Leeds City Council
Councillor Salma Arif	- Leeds City Council
Councillor Alan Wassell	- City of Wakefield MDC
Mr Roger Grasby	- Independent
Mrs Jo Sykes	- Independent

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sharon Fraser	- City of Wakefield MDC
Samantha Wilkinson	- City of Wakefield MDC
Andrew Crookham	- Bradford Council

Mark Burns-Williamson PCC
Temporary Chief Constable, John Robins,
Katherine Johnson, OPCC Treasurer

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Richard Dunbar and Tony Wallis.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th December 2018

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 2019/20

5.1 The Commissioner presented a report to the Panel on his proposed precept for 2019/20.

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 on partnership funding by not increasing the precept by the proposed amount

5.3.2 How the PCC will ensure that efficiencies from the Fusion programme are delivered to ensure future budget commitments will be met.

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

5.3.4 Clarity on the reserves position and the risks of depleting these.

5.3.5 The viability of the PCC's consultation with the public.

5.3.6 Opportunities for further efficiencies, including regional procurement and further blue light collaboration.

5.3.7 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 £24 on a Band D property on the basis that the Police and Crime Commissioner would:

- 6.1.1 Ensure that Neighbourhood Policing Teams' capability and presence is protected.
- 6.1.2 Maintain his current funding levels for PCSOs.
- 6.1.3 Ensure recruitment of an additional 264 (net) police officer/officer equivalents by 31st March 2020.
- 6.1.4 Review governance arrangements for the delivery of the Fusion programme, including measuring current progress in light of the slippage between 2018/19 and 2019/20 budgets and provide Panel with a report on the programme by September 2019 outlining progress or any barriers to progress in this regard.
- 6.1.5 Given the projected reserves position by 2023, provide Panel with further commitment that the PCC will continue and accelerate wider efficiencies across the Force including regional procurement and blue light collaboration. Reviewing the cost burden of 101 may also be an opportunity.
- 6.1.6 Reflect the increase in resources in terms of performance and satisfaction data in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan refresh.
- 6.1.7 Provide Panel with a half year revised MTFF to assure them that required efficiencies are on track in line with projections.
- 6.1.8 The Panel also agreed to write to the Home Secretary and the Minister for Policing regarding concern regarding longer term sustainability of police funding. It was agreed to copy this to all West Yorkshire MP's, local authority Leaders and the relevant Select Committee Chairs.

7. Commissioner's Response to any current issues

7.1 Safer Communities Funding

The PCC notified Panel that the latest round of Safer Communities Funding using POCA funds has now closed. The PCC will shortly be announcing the successful projects from this round, but again, the funding round was vastly oversubscribed. The next round will open for bids on 15th April 2019.

7.2 Brexit

The Commissioner reported that he had recently chaired a meeting of PCC's regarding planning around a no-deal Brexit and what that means in terms of resilience. Panel were advised that plans are being considered both nationally as well as here in West Yorkshire.

8. Agreed Actions Log

8.1 The agreed actions were noted

9. Forward Agenda Plan

9.1 The forward agenda plan was noted and it was reported that Delivery Quarterly and the Force Management Statement would also be items for the March meeting.

10. Complaints Update

10.1 It was noted that there is currently about the PCC that has been recorded and the Complaints Sub-Panel will be meeting to consider this when further information from both the complainant and the PCC is made available.

10.2 It was also noted that a complaint has been made to the Local Government Ombudsman against the Police and Crime Panel in relation to how it dealt with a complaint about the PCC by Mr Richard Cordle. The Panel Officer is providing information to the LGO and Panel will be kept informed of the progress on this.

11. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

12.1 The next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel will take place on Friday, 1st March in the Old Court Room, Town Hall, Wakefield.