



West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

Draft Minutes

3rd February 2017, Wakefield Town Hall

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| PRESENT: | Councillor Alison Lowe (Chair) | - Leeds City Council |
| | Councillor Tariq Hussain | - Bradford Council |
| | Councillor Andrew Mallinson | - Bradford Council |
| | Councillor Steve Pullen | - Bradford Council |
| | Councillor Steve Sweeney | - Calderdale Council |
| | Councillor Chris Pearson | - Calderdale Council |
| | Councillor Mumtaz Hussain | - Kirklees MBC |
| | Councillor Linda Wilkinson | - Kirklees MBC |
| | Councillor Amanda Carter | - Leeds City Council |
| | Councillor Josephine Jarosz | - Leeds City Council |
| | Councillor Steve Tulley | - City of Wakefield MDC |
| | Councillor Alan Wassell | - City of Wakefield MDC |
| Mrs Jo Sykes | - Independent | |
| IN ATTENDANCE: | Liz Ogden | - City of Wakefield MDC |
| | Samantha Wilkinson | - City of Wakefield MDC |

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

1.1 The Chair of the Panel noted apologies from Mr Roger Grasby.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th December 2016.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

Mark Burns-Williamson, the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire, Dee Collins (Chief Constable), John Robins (Deputy Chief Constable) and Katherine Johnson (OPCC Treasurer) attended the meeting for items 5-7)

5. PCC Precept Proposal for 2017/18

5.1 The Commissioner presented a report to the Panel on his proposed precept for 2017/18.

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:

- The Force's ability to recruit and train the high numbers of police officers and the need to ensure that the workforce reflects the diversity of West Yorkshire.
- Deployment and visibility of the newly recruited police officers.
- The prudence of forecasting a deficit in predicted budgets beyond 2018 at the same time as increasing recruitment
- Clarity on the reserves position and how this will be managed going forward
- How longer term commitment to community safety funding might be provided
- Addressing issues of public confidence such as 101 service issues and visibility of police officers
- The need to ensure that all investments lead to improved and more cost effective services
- Consideration of the impact on Council Tax payers.

6. Panel's Response to the Precept Proposal

RESOLVED

6.1 The Panel, through its discussion with the Commissioner on February 3rd, agreed to endorse the proposal to increase the Council Tax by 3.43% on the basis that the Police and Crime Commissioner would:

- 6.1.1 Recruit 500 Police Officer posts (200 additional posts) and 150 police staff, having regard to the diverse makeup of the communities of West Yorkshire;
- 6.1.2 Fill all vacancies and retain the level of 565 PCSOs (with an additional over-recruitment of an additional 6 posts);

- 6.1.3 Continue to develop and deliver workforce planning strategies that will support effective deployment and management of this resource whilst ensuring value for money for the people of West Yorkshire and an ongoing commitment to neighbourhood policing in partnership with local authorities;
- 6.1.4 Following the Commissioner's review of funding, explore a 3 year funding cycle for CSPS and other partners, linked to a clear performance framework that gives accountability to the tax payers of West Yorkshire;
- 6.1.5 Address the performance of the 101 service and explore other opportunities for the public to contact the police in a way that meets their needs;
- 6.1.6 Ensure that the Reserves Plan is delivered in line with the MTFP to 2021;
- 6.1.7 Develop a plan post 2021 to ensure expenditure is not reliant on further draws on reserves, whilst operational policing needs are met;
- 6.1.8 Provide Panel with further information on the Commissioner's intention to use one-off surplus balances for reinvestment into technology, demand and cost management and improving efficiency and effectiveness. Provide Panel with regular updates on the use of these balances and how cash and other efficiencies are being realised as a result.

7. Review into the Process for Public Perceptions Survey sent out during the Pre-Election Period

- 7.1 Panel noted the correspondence that the Commissioner had sent to Panel outlining the matter relating to the distribution of the Public Perceptions Survey during the Pre-Election Period and the learning that will be put in place as a result of the outcome of the review.

8. Any Other Business

- 8.1 One of the Panel members raised the issue of police contact numbers for local councillors. The Deputy Chief Constable stated that contact through the 101 line would ensure that Councillors were put through to the right individual. However, John Robins agreed to explore if there was an alternative solution.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- 9.1 The next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel in public will be held at 10.00am on Friday, 10th March at Wakefield Town Hall.