



West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

Draft Minutes

17th July 2015, Wakefield Suite, Wakefield One

PRESENT:	Councillor Alison Lowe (Chair)	- Leeds City Council
	Councillor Michael Walls	- Bradford Council
	Councillor Steve Pullen	- Bradford Council
	Councillor Ann Martin	- Calderdale MBC
	Councillor Phil Scott	- Kirklees MBC
	Councillor Amanda Carter	- Leeds
	Councillor Alan Wassell	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Councillor Kevin Barker	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Roger Grasby	- Independent
	Jo Sykes	- Independent
IN ATTENDANCE:	Samantha Wilkinson	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Emma Duckett	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Liz Ogden	- City of Wakefield MDC

1. Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 The Chair of the Panel noted apologies from members who were unable to attend the Panel meeting due to Eid celebrations namely; Councillor Masood Ahmed (Kirklees), Councillor Mohammed Iqbal (Leeds) and Councillor Hassan Khan (Bradford). The Chair stated that whilst efforts had been made to re-arrange the meeting it had not been possible and apologised to those members who were unable to attend.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th June 2015

- 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 interests declared.

Mark Burns-Williamson, the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire attended the meeting for items 5 to 9

5. Police and Crime Commissioner's Draft Annual Report 2014/15

- 5.1 The Commissioner presented his draft Annual Report, outlining key areas of activity for his priority areas.
- 5.2 The Panel welcomed the draft report and in particular the use of case studies which bring to life the ways that the Commissioner is meeting the outcomes and priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan.
- 5.3 The Panel pointed out the lack of consistency around the writing which the Commissioner agreed to rectify,
- 5.4 There was some concern expressed that the draft did not contain the section 'Holding the Chief Constable to account' as this is a key part of the Commissioner's role.
- 5.5 The Panel asked for clarity regarding the data around domestic burglary and risk of household crime figures as they felt that these were misleading.
- 5.6 It was commented that there is no reference to FGM in the improved outcomes of sexual violence.
- 5.7 When questioned whether key themes such as FGM and radicalisation should form part of the Commissioner's Police & Crime Plan, the Commissioner responded that he will be discussing with the Force their strategic needs assessment in November and at that time they will be reviewing the Police and Crime Plan to ensure that it remains up to date and relevant.
- 5.8 Panel commented on the re-offending data which only goes up to 2013. It was noted that this is a dataset is not owned by the Force. The OPCC are pushing for more recent data which it is hoped will be made available before the annual report is published in August.

5.9 RESOLVED

- 5.9.1 The Panel welcomed the Commissioner's draft annual report and the inclusion of relevant case studies
- 5.9.2 The Commissioner agreed to fully review the grammar and writing of the report before publication
- 5.9.3 The Commissioner to circulate to the Panel for comment his proposed section on holding the Commissioner to account, as a matter of urgency.
- 5.9.4 The Commissioner to review the data in the report to ensure it is as up to date as possible in order that the public have a clear and accurate picture of the performance of the force and partners.

6. West Yorkshire for Innovation (WyFi) Update

6.1 The Panel informed the Commissioner that they felt that the update report was verbally complicated and did not convey a clear picture about what the WyFi team is and the work that they do. Panel stressed to the Commissioner that reports should be written in a way that members of the public can easily understand.

6.2 The Commissioner confirmed that the WyFi team are involved in some very innovative and wide ranging work.

6.3 RESOLVED

6.3.1 That the Commissioner provide further information regarding the staffing and work of the WyFi team in a much more user-friendly manner.

7. Agreed Action Log

7.1 It was noted that there were no long-standing actions of any concern.

8. Commissioner's Response to any current issues

8.1 NPAS – Possible Data Protection Breach

8.1.1 The Commissioner was asked about the steps that are being taken following the high profile NPAS tweeting of an aerial image of comedian Michael McIntyre.

The Commissioner stressed that this matter was being taken seriously and an internal review is underway.

8.2 Co-location with Fire Service

The Commissioner was asked about problems with the progression of co-location with the Fire and Rescue Service at Weetwood Police Station.

The Commissioner agreed to look at this and respond outside the meeting process.

8.3 HMIC Inspection Report on Child Protection

The Commissioner reported that he is currently compiling a response to the HMIC inspection report on Child Protection and will ensure that the Panel receive a copy in due course.

8.4 'Bobbies on the Beat'

The Commissioner stressed to the Panel that neighbourhood policing is a core part of policing in West Yorkshire. The Commissioner's comments were in response to the Chairman of the APCC's recent suggestion that 'Bobbies on the beat' are 'an outdated notion that should be sacrificed in favour of sophisticated policing methods'.

The Panel welcomed the Commissioner's comments commitment to neighbourhood policing and the need for local visible contact in West Yorkshire alongside his drive to transform policing and become more efficient by using new mobile technologies.

8.5 HMIC Force Management Statements

The Commissioner informed the Panel of HMIC reporting on efficiency and effectiveness. He agreed to forward this to the Panel and that this will need to be discussed at a future meeting.

8.6 Devolution/Combined Authorities/Local Mayors

The Commissioner reported that he has made representations both locally and nationally regarding the current proposals for devolution. He stressed that if there are changes to the size of police forces and/or current force borders are re-shaped, then it will be necessary to look further at the implications this might have for West Yorkshire.

8.7 'Prevent' Duty

The Commissioner was asked about what provision he is making for the increased responsibilities around Prevent activities. The Commissioner stated that this is high on his agenda and that he is looking at what resources are available.

8.8 **RESOLVED**

8.8.1 The Commissioner to look at the progression of co-location with the Fire and Rescue Service at Weetwood Police Station and respond to the Panel outside the meeting process.

8.8.2 The Commissioner to forward information to the Panel on HMIC reporting on efficiency and effectiveness and to arrange discussion at a future meeting.

8.8.3 The Commissioner to forward his response to the HMIC inspection report on Child Protection and will ensure that the Panel receive a copy in due course

9. **Published Key Decisions**

9.1 The published key decisions were noted. It was noted that the published key decisions are still not being updated on the website in a timely manner.

9.2 **Resolved**

9.2.1 The Commissioner committed to ensuring that the published key decisions are kept up to date on his website.

10. Community Safety Partnership Chairs - Assessing the Impact of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Cllr Arshad Hussain (Bradford), Cllr Graham Turner (Kirklees), Neil Evans (Leeds), Chief Supt Whitehead and Derek Benn (Calderdale) attended the meeting for this item. Cllr Cummings (Wakefield) sent her apologies.

- 10.1 The Panel discussed with the CSP Chairs the impact of the Commissioner. The discussion covered the relationship with the Commissioner, progress against local priorities and areas for improvement. CSPs welcomed the support from the Commissioner in addressing their own priorities.
- 10.2 It was noted that CSPs have a good relationship with the Commissioner and they welcomed his support. They generally felt that they had sufficient access to the Commissioner on both an individual basis and through the West Yorkshire CSP Forum which is held bi-monthly. Cllr Arshad stated that as he was new to the role of Chair of Bradford CSP he would welcome additional meetings with the Commissioner.
- 10.3 It was commented that whilst the Police and Crime Plan gives local CSPs structure and priorities, there is perhaps a need to look at other possible priority areas. It was suggested that early prevention of extremism might be an area where more West Yorkshire collaboration might be helpful. CSP chairs noted that the Panel were planning a themed meeting on Prevent in Dewsbury in September and that they would be welcome to attend.
- 10.4 In terms of areas for improvement, it was commented that ideas around joint commissioning have been slow to develop and that this might be an area where the Commissioner better utilises the skills and experience of local authorities in that field.
- 10.5 CSPs stressed the need for timely notification of funding opportunities and in particular the need for early discussions around funding arrangements beyond 2015/16 to enable necessary local planning.
- 10.6 There was discussion regarding the liaison between the CSPs and the Panel and the need to re-establish the Principles for Engagement which covers the role and importance of working closely together. It was agreed that the Chair and/or the Deputy Chair would visit each CSP over the coming year to reinforce this and get sign up to the Principles for Engagement.

10.7 Resolved

- 10.7.1 The Panel to raise the need for early discussion around funding arrangements beyond 2016 with the Commissioner.

10.7.2 That the Chair and/or the Deputy Chair visits each CSP over the coming year to reinforce the need for a close working relationship and get fresh sign up to the Principles for Engagement.

11. Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Chairs - Assessing the Impact of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Angela Brogden, Scrutiny Officer from Leeds attended the meeting for this item. Apologies were received from Cllr Manifold (Wakefield), Cllr Hall (Kirklees) and Cllr Ross-Shaw (Bradford)

- 11.1 Angela gave an overview of where Community Safety scrutiny sits within Leeds City Council. It was noted that this now sits under Environment and Housing. Cllr Iqbal from the PCP now sits on that Scrutiny Board which should ensure better linkages between local and West Yorkshire wide scrutiny.
- 11.2 It was noted that in the past Leeds have undertaken large in depth pieces of work, but it is now intended to have wider discussion around themes going forward.
- 11.3 There was a discussion around opportunities for joint working and better interaction and sharing of local scrutiny, with the suggestions that where there are key themes across districts, Panel could lead on specific areas of work and at other times possibly commission local scrutiny to look at other areas.
- 11.4 It was agreed to ensure that work programmes are shared. It was also agreed for the need for a fresh sign up to the Principles of Engagement with all members being made aware of their responsibilities for two way exchange of information.

11.5 RESOLVED

- 11.5.1 That work programmes continue to be shared.
- 11.5.2 That the Principles of Engagement are signed up to by the current appropriate Chairs of Scrutiny as well as the Panel.
- 11.5.3 It was agreed to write to all CSP and Scrutiny Chairs, thanking them for their attendance where appropriate.

12. Panel Away Day Feedback

- 12.1 The Chair thanked Panel members for agreeing to lead on the revised areas of responsibility.
- 12.2 It was agreed to have a Private Panel Action Log which is separate to that of the Commissioner to help monitor actions going forward.

12.3 RESOLVED

12.3.1 That a Private Panel Action Log be devised to monitor actions going forward.

13. Panel Forward Agenda Plan 2015

13.1 The Forward Agenda Plan was noted. It was agreed that the September meeting being held in Dewsbury should have a 'Prevent' theme.

13.2 It was agreed to invite the Chief Constable to the November meeting to give an update on the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR).

13.3 RESOLVED

13.3.1 That the September meeting have a 'Prevent' theme and appropriate interested parties be invited to attend.

13.3.2 That the Chief Constable be invited to the November meeting to give an update on the SPR.

14. Complaints Received by the Panel

14.1 It was noted that a response from the IPCC regarding the live complaint referred to them in April is still awaited. The IPCC will contact the complainant directly, however, Panel is keeping contact with the complainant to ensure that the outcome is communicated to him.

15. Any Other Business

15.1 There was no other business raised.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

16.1 The next meeting is to be held at 10.00 am at Dewsbury Town Hall on Friday, 11th September. The private meeting will commence at 9.00 am.