



West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

Draft Minutes

4th November 2016, Wakefield Town Hall

PRESENT:	Councillor Alison Lowe (Chair)	- Leeds City 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 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
	Mr Roger Grasby	- Independent
Mrs Jo Sykes	- Independent	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Bernadette Livesey	- 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 Councillors Tariq Hussain and Linda Wilkinson.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th October 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, Katherine Johnson (OPCC Treasurer), Lauren Wray (OPCC Research Manager) and Rob Tinsley (OPCC Partnerships Officer) attended the meeting for items 5-12)

5. Draft Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1 The PCC introduced the draft Police and Crime Plan and thanked Panel for their initial comments which had been fed into the process. The PCC also thanked his staff, in particular Lauren Wray and Isabel Owen, for their work on the plan.
- 5.2 The Commissioner gave an overview of the draft plan which is more concise strategic document than previous versions. The overall vision remains the same “Keeping West Yorkshire Safe and Feeling Safe” and is structured across three elements: “what we are going to deliver”; how we are going to deliver” and “how we will know we have delivered”.
- 5.3 The Commissioner explained that 16 Priority Plans are to be developed to sit under the strategic plan which will essentially be a dynamic short delivery plan for each of the 16 priorities. Where appropriate, these will be developed along with partners.
- 5.4 The Panel welcomed the plan and commented that they felt there were significant improvements to previous versions. Panel also welcomed the opportunity that the Commissioner had given for the Panel to work with his office to help shape the measures that will be used to show “How we will know we have delivered”.
- 5.5 However, the Panel were concerned that without the inclusion of baseline data, the Commissioner cannot truly be held to account by the public or the Panel, which will be of a disadvantage to communities across West Yorkshire.
- 5.6 Panel felt that the draft Plan would benefit from more detailed information about the mechanisms the Commissioner will use to hold the Chief Constable to account for the performance of the Force.
- 5.7 The Panel welcomed the Commissioner’s intention to make his Police and Crime Plan more accessible to the public by planning to produce a brief “Plan at a Glance”.

5.8 RESOLVED

- 5.8.1 The Panel would recommend that the Commissioner delay publication of the Police and Crime Plan until after the release of the latest data which will be used to establish the new “baseline”, which the Commissioner stated would be available by the end of December.
- 5.8.1 That the Commissioner endeavours to ensure that the supporting Priority Plans are completed by the end of December and available with the launch of the Plan.

5.8.2 That the Commissioner provides further details on the process for an annual refresh of the Plan.

5.8.3 That the Panel produce a formal report outlining detailed recommendations following the review of the draft Police and Crime Plan.

6. Budget Monitoring Report 2016

6.1 The Commissioner provided Panel members with an update on the position against the 2016/17 budget and outlined key issues that may impact on policing funding in West Yorkshire.

6.2 It was noted that the forecast revenue outturn position at 30th September is for an underspend of £3.9m with a significant proportion of savings in pay, overtime and pension costs.

6.3 The Commissioner was asked if decisions about re-aligning staffing into areas such as safeguarding was having an impact on neighbourhood and front-line policing.

6.4 The Commissioner emphasised his commitment to protecting neighbourhood and frontline policing and stated that whilst recruitment is ongoing, it will take 2 to 3 years before the Force is back to where it needs to be. He assured Panel that he is constantly looking at how best to deploy resources.

6.5 The Commissioner informed Panel that the Funding Formula review is due to commence again this autumn with public consultation likely to commence in March 2017 with a view to implementation for the 2018/19 allocation. The Commissioner and Temporary Chief Constable are to meet with the Police and Fire Minister to ensure that local concerns are flagged up. A number of working groups have been set up by the Home Office and West Yorkshire will be represented on the technical group by Assistant Chief Officer Nigel Brook.

6.6 The Commissioner also assured Panel that cross-party local MP's have also been brought on board to support the West Yorkshire case.

6.7 The Commissioner stated that he will discuss the draft proposals with the Panel as part of the consultation process once they are made available.

6.8 RESOLVED

6.8.1 That the Commissioner keeps Panel updated on the progress of the discussions around the Funding Formula review and consults with them when the proposals are available.

6.8.2 That the Commissioner keeps Panel informed of any developments around the 2017/18 provisional settlement.

7. HMIC Child Protection Post-Inspection Review Update

7.1 The Commissioner outlined some of the work that he has overseen around safeguarding and stressed that this was a key priority within the draft Police and Crime Plan.

7.2 Panel expressed their disappointment with the report that had been provided and were concerned that it did not address how the Commissioner is holding the Temporary Chief Constable to account around implementing the HMIC's recommendations or explain what measures are in place to monitor the Force's progress.

7.3 RESOLVED

7.3.1 That the Commissioner brings a more detailed report to the next meeting addressing the Panel's concerns. The report should provide a comprehensive update on the actions taken and the next steps in implementing the HMIC recommendations, as well as detailing how the Commissioner is holding the Chief Constable to account and monitoring improvements.

8. Prevent Update

8.1 The Commissioner gave an overview of the work that he is undertaking as part of his responsibilities under Prevent.

8.2 As PCC for West Yorkshire, the Commissioner provides a crucial link between the police, other partners and the public, and is working closely with these organisations and communities to ensure that the Prevent strategy can be collectively delivered in a way which strengthens communities. Some of this work includes informing the Prevent duty through the government consultation, attending public events around radicalisation, listening to communities about their concerns in relation to Prevent, and supporting safeguarding across the police and partners as a whole.

8.3 The Commissioner has lead oversight for the region and work has been ongoing to improve collaboration across the North East PCCs with a particular focus on the collective ability to counter terrorism and organised crime.

8.3 The Commissioner commented that radicalisation now features in the new draft Police and Crime Plan and further work is planned over the next few months to ensure that it is at the forefront of the police and partner's agendas.

8.4 Panel stressed the need to ensure that CTU look at the duties under this strategy to work with young people in schools/academies and other educational institutions.

9. Published Key Decisions

9.1 The published key decisions were noted.

9.2 The Commissioner commented that he is looking to make changes to how and what is recorded as a key decision in the future which he hopes will make the process more transparent.

9.3 RESOLVED

9.3.1 That the Commissioner keeps Panel informed about any changes that he makes around the publication of key decisions.

10. Agreed Actions Log

10.1 A Panel member raised concerns that information requested in a public meeting regarding Police Officer applicant ages and Police Officers on restricted duties, had been circulated to Panel members outside the meeting process.

10.2 The Police and Crime Panel Officer stated that she had taken the decision to circulate the information outside the meeting process as the original agenda had been very full.

RESOLVED

10.3 It was agreed that the information be included as part of the December agenda to ensure that it was in the public domain.

10.4 Panel made it clear that if information is requested in public, the response should also be in public.

11. Commissioner's Response to any current issues

11.1 The Commissioner reported that he had appointed Dee Collins to the role of Chief Constable, subject to the Panel's Confirmation Hearing on 11th November.

11.2 Panel expressed concern that the Commissioner had made public announcements about his intention to appoint to the role before the Confirmation Hearing had taken place.

11.3 The Commissioner stated that he had followed previous practice when a Chief Constable appointment was announced.

11.4 The Commissioner reported that the HMIC Efficiency element of the PEEL reporting had been released the previous day and that West Yorkshire Police had been rated as 'good' at how efficient they are at keeping people safe and reducing crime.

11.5 The Commissioner was asked about what actions he is taking in relation to safeguarding the public following the de-regulation of taxi-licenses.

- 11.6 The Commissioner stated that he had raised this with the West Yorkshire Local Authority Leaders and also approached the Lancashire authorities as this is not just a policing issue but clearly is an issue for the Local Authorities too.

RESOLVED

- 11.6.1 Panel congratulated the Commissioner on the rating of the Efficiency element of the PEEL Inspection

- 11.6.2 The Commissioner agreed to bring a report to the Panel on what actions he is taking to mitigate any safeguarding risks as a result of the de-regulation of taxi licenses.

12. Panel Forward Agenda Plan 2016

- 12.1 Members noted the Forward Agenda Plan 2016.

- 12.2 Panel stressed the need for reports to be available on time and to include clear information about the author, contact/lead officer with clear numbering.

12.3 RESOLVED

- 12.3.1 That the Commissioner be reminded of the need to send timely papers with appropriate author and contact details contained within them.

13. Complaints received by the Panel

- 13.1 Panel noted that there were no recorded complaints ongoing.

14. Any Other Business

- 14.1 There was no other business raised.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- 15.1 The next meeting will be held on Friday 16th December 2016 in Wakefield Town Hall.