



West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

Draft Minutes

6th October 2017, Wakefield Town Hall

PRESENT:	Councillor Alison Lowe (Chair)	- Leeds City Council
	Councillor Tariq Hussain	- Bradford Council
	Councillor Steve Pullen	- Bradford Council
	Councillor Geraldine Carter	- Calderdale Council
	Councillor Steve Sweeney	- Calderdale 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
	Mr Roger Grasby	- Independent
Mrs Jo Sykes	- Independent	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Sharon Fraser	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Samantha Wilkinson	- City of Wakefield MDC

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Andrew Mallinson, Linda Wilkinson; Cllr Mumtaz Hussain had to leave the meeting at the start due to an emergency.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th September 2017

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

2.2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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.

5. Assessing the Impact of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Local Authority CSP Chairs were invited to attend for this item.

Chief Supt Steve Cotter, Deputy Chair, Kirklees CSP,
Derek Benn, Community Safety Partnership Manager, Calderdale
Chris Walsh, Safer Kirklees Manager
attended on behalf of their CSP Chairs

- 5.1 Councillor Alison Lowe thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and explained the purpose of the joint session with the Panel and CSP representatives. Cllr Lowe emphasised the need for close and co-operative working relationships to get the best community safety outcomes for the people of West Yorkshire. By working together and sharing information the Panel can better hold the Commissioner to account for key issues that impact within the locality.
- 5.2 Derek Benn commented on the good and open relationship that Calderdale CSP has with the PCC and his staff. It was noted that the PCC regularly attends events in the district and offers from his team attend meetings of the CSP and work with the delivery groups.
- 5.3 Derek stated that funding is improved in terms of enabling CSPs to plan longer term with the Commissioner committing to indicative budgets.
- 5.4 C/Supt Cotter confirmed that Kirklees' CSP strategy aligns and links to that of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan and the PCC is supporting the CSP to effectively address its priorities.
- 5.5 C/Sup Cotter reiterated the earlier comments that support for funding had improved. In particular working with communities to access funding to support community led activities had helped significantly in addressing a funding gap.
- 5.6 The PCC's work in bringing together the CSP's at the WY CSP forum is welcomed along with joint events such as the recent event bringing together the Safeguarding partnerships from across West Yorkshire which provides opportunities for learning from other areas.
- 5.7 Panel asked about CSP accountability to the PCC and what processes are in place to ensure that funding is being used to achieve the Police and Crime Plan objectives.
- 5.8 It was noted that CSPs are required to submit a quarterly report demonstrating what outcomes are being achieved and how they relate to the plan. Funding to CSPs is reliant on these being submitted regularly and on time. There is always an evaluation

undertaken at the end of the process for any funded interventions. The PCC has introduced more scrutiny and challenge of performance to determine the most effective interventions to improve community safety outcomes.

5.9 It was noted the Kirklees CSP has reconfigured its delivery aims to sit under the PCCs four key themed areas with each of the 14 priorities sitting in one of the four strategic themes.

5.10 It was noted that Calderdale is currently undertaking a piece of evidence based research aimed at identifying the six critical risks to community safety in Calderdale. The outcome of this research will inform the strategic priorities for the next three years.

5.11 Overall it was commented that the experience of CSPs working with the Police and Crime Commissioner is very positive.

5.12 It was suggested it would be helpful if the PCC could facilitate some kind of a hub which shared themed information about 'what works well' and provided details and a contact person to help with sharing best practice further across West Yorkshire.

5.13 RESOLVED

5.9.1 It was agreed that CSPs and Panel members in the districts would look at any ways that they might be able to work together more effectively to ensure that two way information to Panel and CSPs delivers the best community safety outcomes for West Yorkshire.

6. Assessing the Impact of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Local Authority Scrutiny Chairs were invited to attend for this item

Cllr Andrew Tagg, Calderdale
Cllr Julie Stewart-Turner, Kirklees
attended for this item

6.1 Councillor Alison Lowe thanked Cllr Tagg and Cllr Stewart-Turner for attending the meeting and explained the purpose of the joint session with the Panel and local Scrutiny Chairs. Cllr Lowe explained the role of the Panel and how they are required to hold the PCC to account.

6.2 Cllr Stewart-Turner from Kirklees talked about how her scrutiny Panel holds the Kirklees CSP to account. She felt that there was not much understanding of the work of the Police and Crime Panel and no feedback into the local Board. It was agreed that there is a clear need to improve links between the West Yorkshire PCP and local boards.

- 6.3 Cllr Stewart-Turner commented that a key issue for Kirklees going forward is about how do we ensure that vulnerable people are identified when there are less people on the ground such as community workers, youth workers etc.
- 6.4 The Scrutiny Committee in Kirklees has also identified concerns about the changes to crime recording which make it impossible to make comparisons and compare trends to help focus scrutiny work. It was noted that Kirklees are looking to develop their own data set but it was suggested that it might be helpful to have something on a West Yorkshire basis.
- 6.5 Panel suggested that Kirklees Scrutiny contact the OPCC to discuss this with them as they have a number of ways of showing comparisons of data and are likely to have the data that would be required.
- 6.6 Cllr Andrew Tagg from Calderdale explained that his scrutiny Panel are very much focussed on outcomes. A key piece of future scrutiny will be looking into the work of PREVENT in Calderdale and what impact it is having in the district.
- 6.7 Cllr Tagg raised a specific issue of concern about the Force's policy on handling low level drug dealing and asked how the Panel could hold the Commissioner to account for this and the associated ASB that stems from this.
- 6.8 Panel agreed to raise this with the Commissioner and ask for clarification of the Force Policy.
- 6.9 Panel and CSP Chairs discussed the importance of Panel members linking in to local arrangements. It was agreed to share agendas and minutes and work programmes with local scrutiny committees and to ensure that officers keep members updated.

6.10 RESOLVED

6.10.1 That the Panel raises the issue about Force Policy on handling low level drug dealing at the next meeting with the Commissioner.

6.10.2 To share relevant agendas, minutes and work programmes and consider ways in which local Panel members might help better join up with local scrutiny.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 2018 Meeting Dates

Panel formally endorsed the dates of Panel meetings for 2018 which had been circulated direct to Panel members.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- 8.1 The next meeting of the Panel is to be held on Friday, 3rd November 2017 in the Old Court Room, Wakefield Town Hall.