

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3 JUNE 2019 AT 2.00pm AT COUNTY HALL**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

(A denotes absent)

Christine Goldstraw OBE – Independent Member (re-elected as Chairman at this meeting)  
Councillor David Ellis – Gedling Borough Council (elected as Vice Chairman at this meeting)

Executive Mayor Andy Abrahams – Mansfield District Council  
Councillor Leslie Ayoola – Nottingham City Council  
Councillor Scott Carlton – Newark and Sherwood District Council  
Councillor Neil Clarke MBE (substitute for Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan) – Nottinghamshire County Council  
Lesley Dalby – Independent Member  
Councillor Tony Eaton – Bassetlaw District Council – **A**  
Councillor Michael Edwards (substitute for Councillor Linda Woodings) – Nottingham City Council  
Councillor Kevin Greaves (substitute for Councillor Tony Eaton) – Bassetlaw District Council  
Suma Harding – Independent Member  
Councillor Rob Inglis – Rushcliffe Borough Council  
Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan - Nottinghamshire County Council - **A**  
Bob Vaughan-Newton – Independent Member  
Linda Woodings – Nottingham City Council - **A**  
Councillor Jason Zadrozny – Ashfield District Council

### **OTHER COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillor Daniel Williamson – Ashfield District Council  
Councillor Muriel Weisz – Nottinghamshire County Council

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

Keith Ford – Team Manager, Democratic Services	}	Nottinghamshire County Council
	}	(Host Authority)
Pete Barker - Democratic Services Officer	}	

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Paddy Tipping - Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)  
Craig Guildford – Chief Constable, Notts Police  
Kevin Dennis - Chief Executive, Office of PCC  
Mark Kimberley - Chief Finance Officer, Notts Police

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED 2019/010**

That Christine Goldstraw OBE be appointed Chairman of the Panel for the 2019/20 municipal year.

**2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED 2019/011**

That Councillor David Ellis be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Panel for the 2019/20 municipal year.

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2019, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true and correct record, and were confirmed and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

**4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Woodings, Councillor Purdue-Horan and Councillor Eaton.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**6. REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP - BALANCED APPOINTMENT OBJECTIVE**

Keith Ford introduced the report and informed the Panel that Councillor Rob Inglis (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and Councillor Scott Carlton (Newark and Sherwood District Council) had been confirmed as members of the Panel since the papers for the meeting had been circulated.

Mr Ford also confirmed the following new members of the Panel: Executive Mayor, Andy Abrahams (Mansfield District Council), Councillor Lesley Ayoola (Nottingham City Council) and Lesley Dalby (Independent Member and informed the Panel that Councillor Daniel Williamson (Ashfield District Council) and Councillor Muriel Weisz (Nottinghamshire County Council) were in attendance to observe proceedings.

Mr Ford informed the Panel that the nomination from Broxtowe Borough Council was outstanding pending a by-election and that a further report would be brought to the September meeting of the Panel when the position regarding the political balance of the Panel should be clearer.

**RESOLVED 2019/012**

**1) That the revised membership of the Panel be noted.**

**2) That a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Panel, detailing any actions required to best achieve political balance (subject to Secretary of State approval as required).**

## **7. WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chair introduced the report and drew members' attention to paragraph 6 which referred to the proposed awareness raising session. The Chair emphasised the importance of new members attending the session and stated that named substitutes should also be invited, though space may be a consideration depending on the numbers attending. Mr Ford informed the Panel that Frontline Consulting might also be involved in the session.

Mr Ford spoke of the forthcoming Annual Conference for Police and Crime Panels to be held at the Warwick Conference Centre in November and the LGA Police and Crime Panels Workshop to be held in London in July. Mr Ford informed the Panel that both events had proved useful to those who had attended in the past and that finance was available to cover the costs of those who wished to attend the events this year.

In response to issues raised by Members, it was confirmed that an update report on Black and Ethnic Minority Recruitment would be brought to the September meeting of the Panel.

### **RESOLVED 2019/013**

- 1) That the work programme be updated in line with Members' suggestions as appropriate, including the report on Black and Ethnic Minority Recruitment to be brought to the September meeting of the Panel.**
- 2) That the proposal to arrange an Awareness Raising Session for all Panel Members in September 2019 be agreed and relevant input be sought from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Force and Frontline Consulting as appropriate.**
- 3) That any Members wishing to attend the national Police and Crime Panel Conference on 19 November 2019 contact Peter Barker or Keith Ford.**
- 4) That any members wishing to attend the Local Government Association Workshop on 11 July 2019 contact Peter Barker or Keith Ford.**

## **8. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE REPORT – TO MARCH 2019**

The Police and Crime Commissioner introduced the update report and highlighted the following key issues: -

- The Commissioner informed the Panel that the HMICFRS report had now been published, rating the force as 'good' whereas previously the rating had been 'requires improvement'. The Commissioner congratulated the Chief Constable on the result but acknowledged there were still areas for improvement.
- In terms of the budget, the Commissioner stated that the final outturn position was an overspend of £854k, which equated to 1% of the total budget. The Commissioner informed the Panel that he was focussing hard on this year's budget though this was difficult as this was the last year of the spending review. The Commissioner informed the Panel that because of the uncertainty around Brexit that he did not expect that there would be another review and that the budget would just roll over from the previous year. The Commissioner

reminded the Panel that even though the budget had increased in monetary terms, efficiency savings of £3m per annum were still required.

- The Commissioner informed members that the Force Management Statement had been submitted and reminded the Panel that it had seen a redacted copy of last year's Statement previously and that members would be sent a similar copy of this year's Statement.
- Concerning the problem of knife crime, the Commissioner stated that this area was still a cause for concern with the problem worsening in Nottinghamshire. The Commissioner informed the Panel that there had been dialogue between himself and the Home Office about how to tackle the situation and that £60m of 'surge' funding was now available nationally, though this was down from the original allocation of £100m. The Commissioner stated that £1.5m of surge funding had been received by the Force and that two further sums are anticipated. The Commissioner spoke of 'Violence Interrupters' which are based on a Chicago model and which have been deployed successfully in the Victoria Centre/Clumber St area.
- The Commissioner informed the Panel that the abandoned call rate for the '101' service had fallen by 6.8% in 2018-19. The Commissioner stated that the Government had just announced a review of charges for the service with the possibility of charges being abolished next year. The Commissioner reminded the Panel that when the service was introduced initially, the plan was for the service to be a gateway to all services, not just to the Police as at present, and that this would now be revisited in the near future.
- In terms of the drug problem, the Commissioner informed the Panel that arrests had increased by 20% which reflects the greater number of officers being deployed on the streets.
- The Commissioner informed the Panel of two awards recently made to the OPCC – the Investing in Volunteers (iiV) Accreditation, the UK's quality standard for all organisations which involve volunteers in their work, and the CoPaCC (Comparing Police & Crime Commissioners) Transparency Quality Mark for demonstrating compliance with current statutory transparency requirements.

In response to issues raised by Members, the following points were clarified: -

- The Commissioner confirmed that the £60m 'surge' funding to combat knife crime was a one-off contribution and stated that the issue needed to be included in the next spending review and that the problem could not be solved solely through arresting people.
- The Panel congratulated Alan Marwood, a special constable for 49 years who has been awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award. The Commissioner confirmed that Mr Marwood is held in high esteem by colleagues and asked the Chief Constable to pass on his congratulations.
- The Commissioner spoke about the '101' service and informed the Panel that historically there had been a high turnover of staff in the control room but that now there was an over-provision of staffing of 105%, consultants had assisted in changing shift patterns, new technology had been installed and the public were being encouraged to contact the Force on-line. The Commissioner informed members that from the autumn the '101' service would become part of a national scheme and also that there was an aspiration for the Fire

service to move into Sherwood Lodge in the future and for a new control room to be provided then.

- The Chief Constable informed the Panel that 36 successful applicants for police officers had come from staff and that this did have a knock-on effect on services provided but that the Force now had the capacity to answer more phone calls at peak times. The Chief Constable informed members that front desk staff, the number of which is high compared to other forces, had all been trained to the same standard as those in the control room and at peak times calls can be diverted to the front desk. In terms of '999' calls, the Chief Constable stated that the figures for the Nottinghamshire force were good and though it is difficult to compare different forces' performances, feedback received indicates that the performance of the Nottinghamshire force has improved.
- In terms of response times in the Ashfield area, the Commissioner stated that the service was bedding in and asked the Chief Constable to contact Councillor Zadrozny directly to discuss the issue.
- The Chief Constable informed the Panel that Operation Relentless, designed to tackle a wide variety of issues in the city centre, including anti-social behaviour and drug use / dealing, had been successful through targeting individuals and where the increased number of stop and searches had resulted in a corresponding increase in the number of individuals arrested for drug possession.
- The Commissioner informed the Panel that his office was one of the few that conducted surveys quarterly, consulting 1,000 residents each time about their experience of crime rather than focussing on specific reported incidents. The Commissioner reminded the Panel of the National Crime Survey which was undertaken annually and which showed that the number of crimes reported is increasing.
- The Commissioner clarified that the reference in Appendix A of the report to the contract for the Driver Awareness Courses should read 'call down agreement' rather than 'call off agreement.'
- The Commissioner informed the Panel that discussions over the future of the West Bridgford Police Station were ongoing but that no decisions had yet been made.
- The Commissioner accepted that there were variances in the financial forecasts and confirmed that he held regular discussions on the subject. Mark Kimberley informed the Panel that the shared back office arrangement (MFSS – Multi Force Shared Services) was not working well at the moment with costs being higher than if the service had been kept in house, moreover the Force had been recruiting at a faster rate than had been allowed for in the budget. Mr Kimberley also confirmed that variances were looked at regularly and informed the Panel that consideration would be given to how financial figures are reported.
- The Commissioner informed the Panel that he had visited the Queen's Buildings in Worksop in April and confirmed that the reception is open. The Commissioner informed members that in terms of confidentiality there were other rooms accessible from the reception area but that they were not always available and undertook to look into the matter.

- The Commissioner agreed to circulate the figures for stop and search to members when they became available and informed the Panel that while the number of stop and searches carried out in Nottinghamshire was one of the lowest in the country, the positive outcomes were double that of other Forces.
- The Commissioner informed the Panel that Nottinghamshire was strong in the area of Taxi Licensing compared to some other authorities, and that work had been undertaken with partners which aimed to establish a county-wide policy and ultimately a national policy.
- The Commissioner referred to 'County Lines' and informed the Panel that this was not a new phenomenon, just a new name, and related to the Panel how vulnerable people could be recruited locally but moved around and gave the example of someone who was recruited in Nottingham being found working in Cornwall. The Commissioner spoke of the need for a joined-up approach to solve the problem.
- In response to a query about knife crime, the Commissioner stated that there was not a lot of research into why young people carried knives, that 50% of knife attacks occurred in domestic violence situations and confirmed that research would be shared with Panel members when it became available. The Chief Constable informed the Panel that an explanation of why 25% of knife victims did not co-operate with the Police could be that quite often victims did not want to proceed against their partner and also that individuals involved are known to each other criminally.
- The Commissioner stated that he would ask the local inspector to work with Councillor Edwards to find a solution to the problem of the usage of the public phone box in the Bridgeway Centre in the Meadows. The Chief Constable confirmed that further discussions about the way forward would take place.
- Following two recent fires in Nottingham car parks caused by vehicles' electrical problems and the slow responses once the alarm had been raised, the Commissioner stated that he would ask Inspector Donna Lawton to liaise with City colleagues to look into the issue.
- The Commissioner informed the Panel that the £900k figure for policing the fracking protests in Nottinghamshire was less than any other force in the country had spent in similar circumstances and that the Force's approach had allowed businesses to operate at the same time as allowing people their right to protest.
- Concerning the Force's approach to carbon emissions, the Commissioner stated that the Force has worked with Greenpeace and that the new boiler at Sherwood Lodge was of the wood chip type and that heat source pumps were being considered for the new builds at Sherwood Lodge and Bulwell. The Commissioner also informed the Panel that much discussion had taken place regarding electric cars and also that from next year all vehicles would be supplied under one contract which would reduce costs not just financially but environmentally too.

- Invited to comment on the levels of hidden harm, the Commissioner stated that the actual numbers involved are very low and that the Force was one of the few with a dedicated unit. The Chief Constable referred to the fact that hotels had been in the news recently and informed the Panel that the Force was working with reception staff on the problem. The Chief Constable stated that although the number of victims was low the resulting harm was high.

## **RESOLVED 2019/014**

**That the contents of the report and the response to issues raised by Members be noted.**

### **9. POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3 – TACKLING CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

The Commissioner stated that he was happy to take questions regarding the report and in response to issues raised by Members, the following points were clarified: -

- The Commissioner shared with the Panel the importance of the '101' service as the 'eyes and ears' of the Force and confirmed that motorcycles were a problem in both rural and urban areas. The Commissioner informed members that the Force did have a dedicated team, but that pursuit was a challenge. The Chief Constable agreed that pursuit was a problem and informed the Panel that though it is possible to pursue a person on a motorbike, if that person is not wearing a helmet then the risk of harm is increased for that person and a pursuit would also increase the risk of harm for the officer involved and the general public. The Chief Constable informed the Panel that if the person was known to the Force then the option of pursuit was not always taken. The Chief Constable informed the Panel that the Force's approach was to seize the motorbikes involved and publicly crush them.
- The Panel thanked the Commissioner and Chief Constable for the Force's presence at the County Show which was well received and confirmed that the Force's work in combatting rural crime was appreciated.
- The Commissioner spoke about rural crime and informed the Panel that in relation to this the Force had purchased a quad bike, that drones would be deployed in rural areas, that the Force employed dedicated rural special constables and that the Force intended to purchase more camera vans. The Chief Constable informed the Panel that the deployment of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) equipment at rural entry points had been bolstered recently and had led to substantial results. The Chief Constable confirmed that the Force continues to spend on technology in rural areas.
- The Commissioner acknowledged the Panel's concerns regarding the latest PEEL report and informed members that senior officers were looking at the neighbourhood policing offer and that as the City had slightly changed its boundaries, work was ongoing to match these up again with the Force's. The Commissioner spoke of the spending review and informed the Panel that he was heavily involved and stated the importance of convincing the Home Office of the effectiveness of taking a longer view of prevention through such initiatives as

early intervention. The Chief Constable referred to the PEEL report and informed the Panel that although the findings were good overall there were still areas for improvement. The Chief Constable stated that one of those areas identified was neighbourhood policing though this was possibly because of the HMICFRS' definition. The Chief Constable informed the Panel that the Force had recruited 40 more officers, 33 of whom were deployed in neighbourhood policing and 7 in robbery. The Chief Constable informed the Panel that there was a need to invest in the robbery team and that the aim was to reduce the incidence of robbery similar to that which had been achieved with burglary.

#### **RESOLVED 2019/015**

**That the contents of the report be noted.**

The meeting closed at 3.35pm

CHAIRMAN