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**FINAL VERSION  
MINUTES OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OPCC ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD  
Meeting: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
2.00 pm – PCC Office**

**1. Attendees:**

<b>OPCC</b>		
Caroline Henry	Notts Police & Crime Commissioner (part of meeting)	CH
Gillian Holder	Chief Finance Officer	GH
Daniel Howitt	Head of Strategy & Performance	DH
Sandra Coleman	EA to PCC/CEO	Sandra
<b>Force</b>		
Kate Meynell	Chief Constable	Chief
Mark Kimberley	Chief Finance Officer	MK
<b>Apologies:</b>		
Sharon Caddell	Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer	S.Ca
Steve Cooper	Deputy Chief Constable	SC

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting ([14<sup>th</sup> March 2023](#))**

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**3. Action Log and Matters Arising (Action log updated to reflect this meeting).**

The actions were updated at the meeting and the log is attached to the minutes and can also be accessed [here](#).

**Each paper presented was discussed with the key points arising highlighted below; and the Force were thanked for the excellent quality of each paper presented.**

**4.0 C3: SUPPORTING: Exposing Hidden Harm (Safeguarding Vulnerable People)**

4.1 Since the position reported in the September 2022 Accountability Board Meeting, mapped county lines have moved from 12 to 8, with 3 significant operations.

4.2 The Force are exploring more training opportunities around the reported lack of PND training courses which was referenced in the September 2022 paper. Those trained will then cascade their knowledge within the Force.

4.3 In terms of how the Force are implementing the Clear, Hold, Build approach in Nottinghamshire, it was explained that this will be within local policy.



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**5.0 C4: SUPPORTING: Communities to Help Make Notts Safe**

5.1 There has been an increase in Police Support Volunteers over recent months. The Chief explained that they now have a Co-ordinator working within departments and across teams, and it is felt that this will help to retain members. The Force also hold coffee mornings and drop ins to meet and listen to the PSVs, and since 2021 they have contacted all volunteers to discuss their commitment which has resulted in ensuring they only have those committed to the role. Turnover is usually related to student volunteers. They are also hoping to have more communications with the group.

5.2 The Force engage with school age children through various types of engagement including through sport, but there is discussion around who is best placed to run these events. It had been reported by the YIAG that uniforms worn by officers in school settings can be a barrier to engagement, however the Chief feels this can help to break down barriers by becoming familiar with them from a young age.

**Action 30/23: Chief to link in with YIAG regarding their worry that uniforms worn by officers in school settings can act as a barrier to engagement.**

5.3 The Chief advised that the Force had recruited a Mini Police Scheme Co-ordinator and the scheme is aligned to the Personal, Social, Health and Economic education curriculum.

5.4 The Force Cadet Scheme currently has 116 young people on the waiting list, and this is being monitored in terms of the timescale. The Chief also advised that, by September 2023, the MBLC cadet base will be established. The MBLC are also looking at teachable moments within custody.

5.5 In terms of "Watch Schemes" – the Community Speedwatch scheme is currently engaging funding for devices, and the Chief confirmed there is no Farmwatch, and Horsewatch has over 4000 members online. Pubwatch is currently in place across towns, however Operation Validity will see wider NTE policing.

**6.0 A1: PREVENTING: Making our Streets, Villages, Towns and City Safer**

6.1 Legacy benefits of the Safer Streets programme include ANPR, better streetlights, extra bikes for neighbourhood teams – all helping to make people feel safer (83% of people surveyed felt safer), helping to prevent crime and increase public confidence.



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- 6.2 The Safer Streets programme has enabled the Force to reinforce benefits of working with partner agencies.
- 6.3 It was mentioned that Power BI now produces analytical reports to identify ASB hotspots and referrals, and this will help the Force to problem solve and provide consistency in approach.
- 6.4 There is now an ASB Taskforce with all local authorities being represented. ToR and SLAs are being drafted. This will support in providing clear reporting pathways and increasing trust and confidence.
- 6.5 Operation Hedit is currently a live investigation and therefore the Force were unable to provide details however it is a joint approach to tackling cross border criminality and a community update on this is pending.
- 6.6 Operation Compass relates to stop/search if there are sufficient grounds to warrant and produces a 58% positive outcome.

**7.0 Professional Standards and Integrity Update**

- 7.1 The Chief confirmed that all outstanding areas from the HMICFRS vetting report had now been completed. The Force have a whistleblowing line (Integrity Messenger), and this has seen an increase in messages since the Wayne Couzens case.
- 7.2 In terms of the Casey review (Met.), the Chief advised that the Force are not complacent enough to presume that no recommendations from this review are relevant to Notts and further discussion on this was held including discussion around the Call It Out Campaign.
- 7.3 The Chief advised that they had been inundated with FOI's following the Casey review publication, however a block report is published routinely.
- 7.4 The Force IT system now requires completion of fields on protected characteristics, and they are looking to make these fields compulsory.
- 7.5 Quarterly meetings are held with Notts PDS and other PDS units in the region to look at risks of insider threats and situations where individuals from an OCG may apply for multiple roles to infiltrate Forces. (Only the Met and West Mids have their own resource).



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**8.0 Quarterly People Services Update**

The Force were thanked for the paper; however, the point was made that it appeared to be the same paper re-presented at each Board Meeting with amended statistics. Could this be reviewed.

**Action 31/23: Chief to request that the Quarterly People Services Update report content is reviewed.**

**9.0 Budget Monitoring Report**

9.1 The Capital Outturn and Revenue Outturn Reports were discussed.

**10. Decisions of Significant Public Interest (Forward Plan)**

10.1 The paper presented lists retrospective decisions (2022); future papers to be forward focussed.

**Action 32/23: MK to liaise with Amanda Froggatt in terms of ensuring that the paper is forward focussed.**

**11. Delivery Plan Dashboard**

DH presented the dashboard.

**12. AOB**

None

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00 am in the PCC meeting room.