

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Arnot Hill House, Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 6LU

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER STRATEGIC RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2019

COMMENCING AT 11.15 AM

MEMBERSHIP

(A – denotes absence)

- Paddy Tipping - Police and Crime Commissioner
- Kevin Dennis - Chief Executive, OPCC
- A Charlie Radford - Chief Finance Officer, OPCC
- Craig Guildford - Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
- A Rachel Barber - Deputy Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
- A Mark Kimberley - Head of Finance, Nottinghamshire Police

OTHERS PRESENT

Noel McMenamin – Democratic Services, Nottinghamshire County Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from DCC Rachel Barber, Mark Kimberley and Charlie Radford

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10 JULY 2019

Agreed.

3. FORCE PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING REPORT

The meeting considered the report, which provided an update in relation to domestic abuse, rape and serious sexual offences, child abuse, vulnerability and safeguarding, Force involvement in IICSA Inquiry follow-up and HMICFRS PEEL inspection.

Several points were made during discussion:

- Both Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) arrangements were working well, with good relations between partners, despite capacity challenges. It was likely that pressures on capacity would increase going forward;
- Some partners had expressed concern about triage meetings no longer taking place, but revised arrangements had bedded in well;
- The increase in recorded Forced Marriage Prevention Orders was attributed to front-line Police and civilian staff being more attuned and responsive to wider issues brought to their attention through domestic violence incidents, and occurred within a range of nationalities;

- It was confirmed that Nottinghamshire Police adhered to Police national guidelines in respect of the actions of ‘paedophile hunters’;
- Child safeguarding cases involving sexual abuse had declined but the reporting of child safeguarding cases overall had increased, and included neglect, mental abuse and non-sexual physical abuse;
- The view was expressed that Child Protection capacity within the Force was at full strength and at the appropriate level;
- The Police and Crime Commissioner requested that the Force’s IICSA Action Plan be shared at a future Strategic Resources and Performance meeting.

RESOLVED 2019/032

To note the report, and to consider the Force’s IICSA Action Plan and progress against actions and recommendations at a future meeting.

4. TACKLING MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

The meeting considered the report, which provided an overview of the Force’s approach to tackling modern slavery and human trafficking, and progress in relation to delivering the HMICFRS recommendations in its 2017 report ‘Stolen Freedom – The Policing Response to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking’.

During discussion, the following points were raised:

- The Team delivering the Force response to these issues was highly commended for its achievements to date, which reflected positively on the Force’s reputation;
- Organised crime involvement in human trafficking was addressed at regional level. However, in view of recent tragic events in Essex, it was likely that this area of Police work would come under increased scrutiny in the future.

RESOLVED 2019/033

To note the report.

5. CYBER-ENABLED CRIME AND KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE ON-LINE

The meeting considered the report, which updated the meeting on the Force capacity and capabilities, as well as initiatives being undertaken to reduce cybercrime.

In the brief discussion which followed, it was confirmed that although the overall project was regionally managed, Force resource had been invested from Day One of the initiative, and the Team was currently at full strength

RESOLVED 2019/034

To note the report.

6. IMPROVED RESPONSE TO MISSING PERSONS

The meeting considered the report, which updated the meeting on the work and performance of the Missing from Home (MFH) Team.

During discussion, a number of issues were raised and points made:

- The Team was experienced, at capacity and tended to locate missing persons quickly. It worked closely with dedicated teams involved with modern slavery, County Lines street mental health and child abuse to share intelligence, advice and support;
- The Team enjoyed strong links with the major children's home providers. A majority of missing persons cases involved children absconding from residential homes.
- The scenario of people going missing from Adult institutions was more rare, and, unlike some other areas in the East Midlands, the incidence of people going missing from hospitals was not a significant issue.

.RESOLVED 2019/035

To note the report.

7. POLICE AND CRIME DELIVERY PLAN 2019-2020 – THEME 4 – TRANSFORMING SERVICES AND DELIVERING QUALITY POLICING

The meeting considered the report, which provided an update for the Commissioner on how the Chief Constable and partners were delivering in respect of the Police and Crime Delivery Plan.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- The view was expressed that the report provided detail on service development and policy, but had less detail and commentary on actual performance;
- Safer Streets Fund Home Office briefings were to take place on 22 and 23 January 2020 and arrangements needed firming up considerably before then – local planning meeting had already taken place;
- It was pointed out that the report erroneously referred to there being an 'additional 150 officer uplift', whereas additional officer numbers in the current financial year were 175.

RESOLVED 2019/036

To note the report

8. PERFORMANCE AND INSIGHT REPORT – UPDATE TO SEPTEMBER 2019

The meeting considered the report, which provided an update on the key performance headlines for Nottinghamshire Police in the 12 months to September 2019.

The Police and Crime Commissioner commended the report, and the following points were made in discussion:

- Numbers of Stop and Search incidents and recovery of weapons had fallen, as had vehicle crime. Robbery levels had also started to reduce. These reductions were attributed to local targeting and the sharing of soft intelligence, both within the Force and from communities;
- There had been a spike in robbery figures, but in view of a recent significant arrest of a prolific offender, it was hoped that the figures would now plateau;
- Partnership arrangements were in place for some time but to date had been largely underdeveloped. Now that data was available, it was expected that their impact would be seen in tackling anti-social behaviour;
- Current partnership performance was reported to be variable, with most success being achieved through being focussed on specific issues and locations, for example on bicycle theft in West Bridgford;
- While the severity score for certain crime and anti-social behaviour ‘hotspots’ such as the Arboretum had reduced, other areas, particularly Bingham and Trent, had seen significant increases;
- The levels of vacancies for PCSOs were in part due to a number of PCSOs being successfully recruited to the Force;
- The view was expressed that the Force was responsive to Youth Offending Team needs, and that the Force perception was that the reality in respect of first-time entrants to the criminal justice system was less stark than the statistics suggested.

RESOLVED 2019/037

To note the update

9. CAPITAL REPORT FOR PERIOD 5 QUARTER 2 – 2019-2020

The meeting considered the report, which provided an update on the financial out-turn position for capital expenditure as at 31 August 2019 (period 5, quarter 2).

The following points were made during discussion:

- Budget slippage was attributable almost entirely to the delivery of the new Custody Suite, with other projects on or under budget;
- Planning consent for the new Custody Suite was becoming considered imminently (Note: since the meeting, planning consent had been granted). It was intended to hold a further community engagement meeting, this time with the Custody Supervisor in attendance;
- Automatic Number Plate Recognition investment was commended for having led to positive outcomes for the Force;
- The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable undertook to discuss the Sexual Assault Referral Centre outside the meeting.

RESOLVED 2019/038

- 1) to note the financial out-turn position at Appendix A to the report.
- 2) to note the virement approved by the Chief Constable under delegated powers, being below £100,000, as set out in Appendix B to the report

10. REVENUE REPORT FOR PERIOD 5 QUARTER 2 – 2019-2020

The meeting considered the report, providing an update on the financial out-turn position for revenue expenditure as at 31 August 2019, without substantive discussion.

RESOLVED 2019/39

- 1) To note the report and virements approved under delegated arrangements for period 5 quarter 2 of 2019-2020 as per Appendix B to the report;
- 2) that the Police and Crime Commissioner approve the virements of greater than £100,000 as recommended by the Chief Constable and detailed at Appendix C to the report, noting that these will be reflected in the out-turn position once finally approved;
- 3) that the overspend position at Appendix D to the report be noted.

11. CHIEF CONSTABLE'S UPDATE REPORT

The meeting considered the report, which provided an update on significant events and work that had taken place since July 2019.

The following points were made during discussion:

- The roll-out of 50 state-of-the-art tazers was welcomed by the meeting, with officer training in their use currently being delivered. Their arrival was seen to improve officer safety, prevent crime and minimise harm for vulnerable residents;

- The Police and Crime Commissioner welcomed the way the report provided 'real-life' context to the Force's performance;
- The recent trend in successful prosecutions and heavy sentencing for rape and serious sexual crimes was noted and welcomed.

RESOLVED 2019/040

That the report be noted.

12. REGIONAL COLLABORATION UPDATE (VERBAL)

The following points were raised:

- The tone and content of recent correspondence received by the Police and Crime Commissioner from the Home Office Ministers of State Brandon Lewis and Kit Malthouse about regional funding to support activity in relation to serious and organised crime was considered unexpected and disappointing, and the Police and Crime Commissioner would take up the issues through the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC).
- Options were being explored to transfer funding allocated to Serious Crime to address funding shortfalls for the Police Reform and Transformation Board. If agreement could not be reached with the other regional PCCs, it was agreed that it was still important to commission somebody to provide independent assurance on the EMSOU review.

RESOLVED 2019/041

That the verbal update be noted.

13 WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2019/042

That, subject to adding Force IICSA Action Plan to the programme, the contents of the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.05pm

CHAIR