

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
STRATEGIC RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2014
AT THE BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL
FOSTER AVENUE, BEESTON, NOTTINGHAM, NG9 1AB
COMMENCING AT 11.30 AM

MEMBERSHIP

(A – denotes absence)

Paddy Tipping – Police and Crime Commissioner
Chris Cutland – Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
Kevin Dennis – Chief Executive, OPCC
Charlie Radford – Chief Finance Officer, OPCC
Chris Eyre – Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
A Sue Fish – Deputy Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
Steve Jupp – Assistant Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
Simon Torr – Assistant Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
Margaret Monckton – ACO Resources, Nottinghamshire Police

OTHERS PRESENT

Sara Allmond – Democratic Services, Notts. County Council
Helen Bell – Nottinghamshire Crime & Disorder Partnership
Sallie Blair – Better Times
Rebecca Whitehead – Ashfield District Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from DCC Sue Fish.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2014

Agreed

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S UPDATE REPORT

Chief Constable Eyre introduced the report which provided examples of some of the incredible work of officers and staff.

In relation to anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the city there had been a number of factors having an effect on the level of ASB including changes in advice regarding reporting. The ASB profile had changed and noise nuisance was now the main issue. Working practices were being changed by the Force and partners to tackle noise nuisance as this was much more of a night time problem. Work was also being undertaken to ensure that ASB was recorded correctly. Measures had been put in place and this was having a positive impact on the ASB figures for the City. In the County ASB was reducing overall.

A new "one stop shop" approach to licensing was being developed, with agencies working together to tackle problem premises. This would be rolled out to tackle problem off-license premises.

Changes were being made to the control room to ensure that the public were put first and they were provided with the right service at first contact. This could include involving partners in first contact rather than just sending a police officer or PCSO to take details to then refer on to partner agencies. More Police Officers and staff were being put into the customer contact centre to deliver this new approach. The Victims Code would be integral in these new arrangements. Track my Crime would be a key part of this and a new version of the tool was due to be launched which would provide better service to users.

RESOLVED 2014/028

That the report be noted

PERFORMANCE AND INSIGHT REPORT

Chief Constable Eyre, Assistant Chief Constables Jupp and Torr and Margaret Monckton introduced the report which set out the performance of the Force to June 2014.

There had been some national changes to crime recording which were impacting on all forces. There had been changes to what would be classed as a crime for recording purposes and were increasing the number of crimes recorded. The Force were putting plans in place to address the issue.

There had been an HMIC Audit into violent crime carried out in March. The Force had a positive audit, but were found not to be meeting all of the new recording standards rigorously enough.

During discussions the following points were raised:-

- In relation to rape the Force had a dedicated team investigating rape allegations and every allegation was taken seriously. The Force worked closely with partners.
- 39 of 43 forces had seen increases in recorded crime, predominately due to changes in crime recording. The Force had been inspected regularly and had achieved 97% compliance under the old crime recording requirements.
- The changes to crime recording were having some unforeseen consequences. The victim does not always want a criminal justice outcome, but there is no longer the discretion not to record an incident as a crime, such as in a domestic violence case, or a child needing a telling off where the police were called to resolve a problem not to give a child a criminal record. There was concern that this could erode the confidence that had been built up to contact the police regarding these types of matters.

RESOLVED 2014/029

That the report be noted

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR COMMUNITY TRIGGERS

Helen Bell and Rebecca Whitehead introduced the report which provided an update on progress made towards implementing the Community Trigger in relation to carrying out an anti-social behaviour (ASB) Case Review.

The implementation of the Community Trigger was 20th October and there had been a lot of work to build consensus to get a single approach to dealing with them. There was a draft review procedure document which could be shared and Ashfield had drafted some model terms of reference. A briefing note was being prepared for partners. The tools were all in place and available for all partners to use, each local authority would need to take them through their decision making process to adopt.

RESOLVED 2014/030

That the report be noted.

HOW THE FORCE IS RESPONDING TO AND DEALING WITH COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Chief Constable Eyre introduced the report regarding how the Force responds to and deals with community priorities.

There would be a continued focus on neighbourhood policing and ensuring the resource is in the right place and the response is right.

RESOLVED 2014/031

That the report be noted.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE – PUBLIC PROTECTION

Assistant Chief Constable Jupp introduced the report on safeguarding and public protection.

During discussions the following points were raised:-

- The review regarding DART was expected within six to eight weeks. There was work being undertaken to ensure there was no duplication of effort. A peer review was being considered.
- A multi-layered peer review was being undertaken of the MASH.
- There would be lessons to learn from the outcomes of the Rotherham HMIC inspection.
- The Force were inviting external review wherever possible to ensure that there was no complacency, by continuously questioning and challenging.

RESOLVED 2014/032

To note the report

WORKFORCE PLANNING

Margaret Monckton introduced the report which provided information on police officer and police staff numbers as at 31 July 2014.

During discussions the following points were raised:-

- The police officer recruitment target was 80 and 73 posts had already been successfully filled. One more campaign was planned to recruit the remaining seven.
- There would be a need for ongoing recruitment to maintain police officer levels due to retirements and leavers, depending on the budget.

RESOLVED 2014/033

To note the report

VERBAL UPDATE ON STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Charlie Radford advised that the Statement of Accounts were in the process of being drafted and auditor sign off was awaited. The Statement of Accounts would go to the next Audit and Scrutiny Panel meeting.

QUARTER ONE 2014-15 BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT

Margaret Monckton introduced the report and advised that whilst the budget was tight and there was no contingency, the budget was currently on target.

The efficiency target had reduced as a number of things had caused slippage, and work was being undertaken to ensure these were delivered. Police Officer vacancies were higher than expected.

RESOLVED 2014/034

That the forecast position for the financial year ended March 2015 be agreed and the budget virements be approved, as at the end of quarter one.

PERIOD 4 (END OF JULY) CAPITAL MONITORING AND FORECASTING REPORT 2014-2015

Margaret Monckton introduced the report and advised that the funding for the successful innovation fund bids were not included in the figures.

In Carlton a suitable premises for the multi-agency hub was being sought. It had been agreed not to close the Carlton front desk until a suitable replacement was found.

RESOLVED 2014/035

That the capital monitoring report and revised programme be approved.

VERBAL UPDATE ON THE WORK PROGRAMME

Kevin Dennis advised that the work programme was being finalised and would provide a comprehensive forward plan up to the end of the financial year.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm

CHAIR