

**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 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2021 VIA TEAMS**

**COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM**

**MEMBERSHIP**

(A – denotes absence)

- Caroline Henry - Police and Crime Commissioner
- A Kevin Dennis - Chief Executive, OPCC
- 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**

Daniel Howitt – Nottinghamshire Police

Noel McMenamin – Democratic Services, Nottinghamshire County Council

**1. NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2021**

The notes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and agreed as a true record.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from:

Deputy Chief Constable Barber;  
Kevin Dennis; and  
Mark Kimberley.

**3. EMERGENCY SERVICES NETWORK**

The meeting considered the published report, updating the Police and Crime Commissioner on progress in delivering the Emergency Services Network (ESN) at national, regional and local level.

During discussion, it was explained that the Home Office-led initiative had been beset by delays, budget over-runs and changes in strategic direction. Concern had also been expressed about the lack of alternative of service provision, which was potentially the subject of investigation by the Competition and Mergers Commission.

It was confirmed that the new Force Headquarters was designed to be compatible with the new system, once available.

## **RESOLVED 2021/021**

To note the update.

### **4. STRATEGIC POLICING REQUIREMENT COMPLIANCE UPDATE**

The meeting considered the published report, providing an update on compliance against the Force's Strategic Policing Requirement.

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

- It was explained that was a statutory duty on the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure that strategic policing requirements were contained in and addressed through local policing plans. However, it was possible to place local emphasis on specific elements of the overall requirements;
- It was confirmed that all plans and deployments were recorded on the Centurion system and that an assessment on compliance was also conducted by an independent firearms specialist;
- It was explained that a review of Local Resilience Forums (LRFs) would be conducted in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. It was recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner attended LRF Group meetings, both to network and to gain insight on how they operated.

## **RESOLVED 2021/022**

To note the report.

### **5. NATIONAL POLICE AIR SUPPORT – FUTURE MODEL OF DELIVERY AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**

The meeting considered the report, updating the Police and Crime Commissioner in respect of delivering Air Support (NPAS) to Nottinghamshire Police in the future.

During discussion, there was consensus that it was not appropriate that NPAS controlled drone capacity and deployment at local level. Drones had had a very positive impact on a wide range of policing activity since their introduction, and ongoing local control was considered essential for this to continue.

## **RESOLVED 2021/023**

To note the report.

### **6. TRANSFORMING FORENSICS**

The meeting considered the report, which provided an update on progress in respect of updates from the forensics portfolio.

Several comments were made during discussion:

- It was explained that the Transforming Forensics programme was funded as part of the national Rape Action Plan. The programme enhanced mobile digital capacity to ensure timely and accurate collation of evidence from both scenes of crimes and from victims. Nottinghamshire Police awaited the outcome of its bid submission for £235,000 of digital investment;
- There was consensus that more needed doing to reduce the percentage of victims withdrawing support for prosecutions. However, the view was expressed that it was misleading to look at withdrawal rates in isolation. More meaningful insight could be gained by analysing withdrawal rates for cases sent to the Crown Prosecution Service. The victims of a proportion of reported offences did not wish to proceed to prosecution, but incidents still had to be recorded and evidence saved in case charges were brought forward in the future;
- The Chief Constable undertook to provide additional briefing for the Police and Crime Commissioner outside the meeting.

#### **RESOLVED 2021/024**

To note the report.

#### **7. CHIEF CONSTABLE'S UPDATE REPORT JULY 2021**

The meeting considered the report, which provided an update on significant events and work that had taken place since March 2021.

The Police and Crime Commissioner placed on record her pride in working with Nottinghamshire Police, and expressed her thanks to the Force for its selfless commitment to Nottinghamshire residents, particularly during the pandemic.

Several issues were raised and points made during a wide-ranging discussion:

- The meeting welcomed confirmation that Nottinghamshire Police had dedicated resource evidencing and evaluating benefits realised from technological and related efficiency initiatives. The Police and Crime Commissioner requested a meeting with the lead officer for this activity;
- The Police and Crime Survey had identified significant public concern about the increase in dog thefts during the pandemic. Communities needed reassuring that action was being taken to address the issue;
- The recent increase in referrals by the Force to Adult Social Care agencies was welcomed. Referral rates had decreased during the pandemic, distorting the level of domestic and related crime perpetrated against vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding demand was expected to continue to increase, but the Force and Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub partners were geared up for the increase;

- It was explained that City of London Police led on fraud and scams originating outside the UK. A triage system was in place to assess incidents and determine investigation priorities. There had been a drop-off in dating, banking and related scams because of the impact of Covid-19 in host countries, but rates were expected to increase. There had also been a number of local successes in prosecuting local face-to-face fraudsters and scammers, as detailed in the report;
- The view was expressed that Nottinghamshire Police had performed well addressing stalking and harassment crime. The decision had been taken at national level to designate these as violent crimes, and they were investigated accordingly;
- Youth crime remained a key priority at local and national level. The Force and its partner agencies had been successful in addressing knife crime, bucking the national trend by decreasing incidents. Engaging those involved with low-level crime at as early an stage as possible was crucial in preventing involvement with more serious crime in future;
- There had been a spike in online hate crime arising from the Euro 2020 football tournament, largely in respect of black players. The home Secretary had also been the target of hate crime. Overall, hate crime (online and face-to-face) remained relatively low, with satisfaction rates in respect of the Force's dealing with the issue high.

## **RESOLVED 2021/025**

To note the report.

### **8. PERFORMANCE AND INSIGHT REPORT**

The meeting considered the report, which provided an update on key performance headlines for Nottinghamshire Police in the 12 months to June 2021.

During discussion, it was agreed that performance and insight reporting would evolve to address the priorities of the emerging Police and Crime Plan. Issues the Plan was expected to address included:

- Increasing numbers and visibility of frontline officers;
- Narrowing the gap between rural and urban crime;
- Responding effectively to cyber crime; and
- Capturing a wider range of activity, including trespass.

National police performance measures were also currently being refreshed, and it would be prudent to reflect these within the Plan.

Specific performance and insight issues would also be addressed through regular one-to-one meetings between the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable.

**RESOLVED 2021/026**

To note the report.

**9. REGIONAL COLLABORATION – VERBAL UPDATE**

The Police and Crime Commissioner attended a regional EMSOU meeting on 20 July 2021, with 3 new Police and Crime Commissioners in attendance. Commissioners were committed to working closely together, but to offer challenge where appropriate.

**RESOLVED 2021/027**

To note the verbal update.

**10. WORK PROGRAMME**

The Work Programme was noted without substantive discussion.

**RESOLVED 2021/028**

That the contents of the work programme be noted.

The next meeting was scheduled for 14 September 2021.

The meeting closed at 11.55am

CHAIR