

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 17TH JULY 2020

COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM

MEMBERSHIP

(A – denotes absence)

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

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 17TH MAY 2020

These were agreed as a true record. It was also agreed that 2 identified actions on domestic violence arrest rates and on agile working be addressed by correspondence outside the meeting.

3. UPDATE REPORT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE JULY 2020

The meeting considered the composite report, which provided updates on a wide range of Nottinghamshire Police activity, including Performance and Insight, Police Reform Programme, incorporating Emergency Service Network (ESN), Strategic Policing Requirement, National Police Air Support, Transforming Forensics and regional collaboration.

A wide range of issues were raised and points made during discussion:

- There was a good level of preparedness at regional and local level to deliver the ESN critical communications system, with sign-off on collaboration between forces in the East Midlands region, and governance arrangements established locally. Transition was currently scheduled to commence in Quarter 2 of 2022:
- Armed response rates were at their best ever, with a fully resourced and highly-trained team in place;

- Work to combat child sexual exploitation (CSE) was progressing well, thanks both to strong collaborative multi-agency working in the City and County, and the work of the CSE Disruption Team in helping divert and disrupt CSE activity;
- There was an increased focus on cybercrime prevention, in response to an increase in online scams which had become more prevalent during lockdown;
- The Courts Service faced a significant backlog, and while a Recovery Plan had been put in place, the Force view was that this lacked both the detail and ambition to address what was emerging as a key risk issue. Delays in the criminal justice system had led to increased costs and responsibility for the Force in respect of increased custody times, and delays also had a negative impact on victims of crime;
- Good progress, particularly on procurement, had been made on bringing MFSS back in-house, while both major capital project builds were progressing at or ahead of schedule;
- Progress on the roll-out of national IT programmes, while satisfactory, was bureaucratic and resource intensive. Concern was also expressed that certain elements of national IT programmes, such as Neighbourhood websites, were more expensive and less effective than current local solutions;
- It was confirmed that the Force's Chief Finance Officer was undertaking work to quantify Covid-19 costs, with a view to assessing whether these could be reclaimed from central government.

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To note the report.

4. CHIEF CONSTABLE'S UPDATE REPORT

The meeting considered the report, which provided an update on significant events and work that had taken place since the meeting in May 2020.

During discussion, the following issues were raised and points made:

- With the reduction the night-time economy, there was an increased day-time visible Police presence in communities, providing both reassurance to citizens and a deterrent against crime;
- Operation Bion, the Force response to the Covid-19 pandemic, continued to operate consistently and proportionately in respect of remaining in the bottom

quartile for the issuing of fixed penalty notices. Operation Reacher was already fully established in Gedling, and there was now Operation Reacher capacity in all neighbourhood areas;

- There had been a significant reduction in both burglaries and robberies, which was attributable both to reduced opportunity during lockdown restrictions and increased focus at neighbourhood level. The meeting also welcomed the role of local-led intelligence in helping secure several recent significant convictions;
- While there had been increased reporting of ASB during lockdown, the severity of incidents had decreased significantly. Use of Stop and Search had increased, and while numbers of complaints were low, its use required very careful handling;
- The Missing from Home Team had performed very well both in locating missing persons more quickly and in mitigating risk to vulnerable individuals, on a relatively modest resource outlay;
- Recruitment was ahead of schedule, with increased numbers recruits who were women and/or from the Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) community. The Force was attracting recruits transferring from other forces, as well as those new to policing. The 2-year Degree in collaboration with Derby University had also been launched;
- The Police and Crime Commissioner welcomed the strong local outcomes, and underlined the importance of making sure the positive messages were publicised, both within the Force and in the wider community.

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5 WORK PROGRAMME

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That the contents of the work programme be noted. The next meeting was scheduled for 18 July 2020.

The meeting closed at 10.50am

CHAIR