

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

MINUTES OF STRATEGIC BOARD

19th December 2016

PRESENT

Chair	PCC, Kathryn Holloway
	CC, Jon Boutcher
	Chief Executive, Mark Cooper
	Head of Corporate and Force Liaison to the OPCC, Clare Kelly
	Chief Finance Officer, Phil Wells
	Staff Officer to the Force Executive, Insp Jackie Dadd

	NOT RESTRICTED – FOR PUBLICATION	ACTIONS
	<p>PCC opened the meeting and explained that the OPCC are critical friends at this meeting. The Chief Executive brings a HMIC perspective which the PCC intends to make best use of.</p> <p>The Chief Constable asked if the governance arrangements of the strategic Board could be discussed. All agreed it was a good time to review it.</p> <p>The Chief Constable enquired if it would be beneficial to meet once a week with the PCC and in the strategic board it would be DCC Colbourne, ACC Sebire and Supt Upex in attendance. The PCC agreed the other Executive should attend, but she would require the Chiefs attendance as well.</p> <p>Chief Constable made reference to the papers being late. The PCC noted her concerns about the lateness of the papers, as this hampers her ability to properly hold the force to account.</p> <p>Action for Mark Cooper to review the governance of the Strategic Board, to do this for the January meeting and to meet with Pete Woolley to ensure the performance document has everything the OPCC requires.</p> <p>Mark Cooper added that the papers that come to strategic board currently do not tell him where the current strategic view should be.</p> <p>Where there are public pressures on the force, for example challenges on demand, can we see the strategy for dealing with that.</p>	

All with a view to give the PCC a reassurance that plans are in place to respond well. Also the value for money profiles can be gone through.

The Chief agreed that there is more that could be done. He added we could make the strategic board more PEEL like in its governance. We want a supportive Team Bedfordshire approach.

Mark Cooper raised that PEEL would not encompass everything, and there was a risk we would miss areas.

Chief Constable's updates:

CPMG Core Performance Management Group.

Rural Conference on Dec 16th was a great success; however there was of course issues that were raised, surrounding travellers and other rural issues. Some people in the South West of the County said they were living in fear because of the traveller community issues. Supt Horsford would be meeting with residents moving forward.

The PCC will be sending the monthly newsletter to all participants of the Dec 16 rural conference.

December 2016 Project Summaries

Mobile Data this could go red in January because of the Windows 10 issue.

THRIVE: PCC asked if we were going back to the FCR with the THRIVE training. The Chief said we are linking THRIVE to INSPIRE. The project name should be changed to THRIVE training.

Estates: The Chief Constable has asked DCC Colbourne to go to see the Fire Brigade to clarify the current position. The PCC has asked Phil Wells for the estates weekly report, he has brought it to this meeting.

Action: Phil Wells to inform the PCC about the Greyfriars situation and the fire negotiations in Leighton Buzzard.

The PCC asked the Force to look at selling what we can in terms of property stores before the Greyfriars move and to consider innovative options for doing so.

PCC asked about Drones and to be updated with when we would understand the cost.

Action Phil Wells to find out the cost of drones.

Athena: There is a new date for January 2018, training May 2017. The Chief Constable raised a concern about the length of time.

Restorative Justice: The mitigation is that the company we are using are going to use volunteers from the Cambridgeshire border to improve the amount of volunteers we can use.

Bail Provisions Project: The PCC would like to see the presentation on this area. The Chief informed the meeting that he has concerns over this and wants to ask Nat Briant to explain the criminal Justice element to this. 0-28 days is Insp. 1 month to 3 months is Supt and after that is a magistrate. Will Hawkes is the lead at project level.

CSAS: Action: Mark Upex will find out and inform the PCC and the Chief Constable.

In reference to the FQIP Performance data report, the PCC asked are we tasking to outstanding suspects home addresses. The Chief said he would look into this.

The Chief stated that there has been a national trend in the improvement of how forces record data. We are 5.7% increase in overall crime that is compared this time this year to this time last year. In our MSF, Herts are at 20% increase but they are now at 14%. Essex at 10.1%

Assigned crime for no action in 28 days are at 32. There are many crimes in the major crime unit or in firearms, where they are linking crimes, so looking into one without linking to the other. The Chief has asked for them to be linked up.

There is a gold group on rape, as this is an identified area of under performance for the Force.

Action: Chief Executive to look at the missing absent cases that were from the HMIC review to see if the Force are missing something in the assessment. He will do this alongside an expert in the area of the cases to offer reassurance.

The Chief Executive advised it would be a good idea to invite HMIs Wendy Williams and Zoe Billingham into force to speak to the units we have set up in response to the latest inspections to run a workshop. The details of this could be in response to Zoë's letter which will come in the new year.

Action: Chief Constable to bring back to the meeting a list of the questions that victims are asked to measure victim satisfaction.

The PCC explained that she would like to dip sample into Hate Crime. The OPCC will be doing this item of work.

Action: Chief Constable to arrange for Vicki Evans to report on will be looking into Robbery this is to be reported back on in January.

Action: For Pete Woolley to strip out the domestic incidents from violence against the person performance data.

For the vehicle offences the Chief must align the resources to the control strategy. Vehicle crime is not on the control strategy but if there is no information on the crime we do not send people to investigate, this is all done on the phone unless there is a line of enquiry. The work in this area is through the community hubs and crime prevention.

PCC asked where the most prolific area is in Bedfordshire for theft, and it is the sunglasses hut at Luton airport.

PCC raised that fire are concerned about Hoax calls and are we investigating them. The Chief will look into this.

For Public Order offences the force is currently responding well. It is during the warmer months this is more of an issue.

The PCC suggested that we record the good messages from our peers and partners. This will be useful for meetings with the Policing Minister.

Mark Cooper asked if he could work with Mr Wells to look at why the funding formula doesn't capture all those issues the force experiences such as the public order. The PCC would like the force and OPCC to look at the formula in the first 4 weeks of January for a response to the funding formula.

A.O.B Finance:

DECISION POINT: The PCC logged that the decision surrounding proportion of the precept to be taken to the maximum in the paper of 1.99% will be taken at the next meeting.

Phil Wells thinks he might not have to make some of the inflations he has predicted and so this is why the finance report is draft, but next month will bring the final report which will be linked to the VFM profiles.

The PCC asked if we could predict in that report how much more council tax we would get because of the new houses being built in the area.

DECISION POINT: The PCC logged she agreed with the 3% reserve figure is to be used.

The finance report was agreed by the PCC.

A.O.B Paper on ensuring more support for employees with health issues:

The PCC asked if initial psychological assessment could also be considered. The PCC wanted it logged that for those injured through private interactions will incur tax liabilities, those that are injured in the line of duty will have their tax as a gift in kind.

Phil Wells said that on the 6th of January we will be ready to advertise and we do have people already lined up for the treatments.

Action: Phil Wells to let the PCC know when this is up and running