

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

## STRATEGIC BOARD MINUTES

Recorded 16 January, 2020

<b>Confirmed with</b>	<b>Clare Kelly, Chief Executive, OPCC (CK) Chair</b>
	<b>Trevor Rodenhurst, Deputy Chief Constable (DCC)</b>
	<b>Jacqueline Sebire, Assistant Chief Constable (ACC)</b>
	<b>Gavin Hughes-Rowland, Staff Officer (GHR)</b>
	<b>Phil Wells, Assistant Chief Officer (PW)</b>
	<b>Clare Kelly, Chief Executive, OPCC (CK)</b>
	<b>Susie Moid, Temporary Executive Assistant (minute taker first half)</b>
	<b>Sheila Greer, Personal Assistant (minute taker – second half)</b>
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Kathryn Holloway, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Chair</b>
	<b>Garry Forsyth, Chief Constable (GF)</b>

### 1. Minutes of last meeting

These were agreed as final version.

Requests were updated directly on the linked action log.

### 2. OPCC Updates and formal requests to the force

#### A. PCC Election – Presented by CK

CK stated that no names were available to share in reference to candidates, however CK estimates that the OPCC will have names of potential candidates by the second week in February 2020.

CK explained that the OPCC has set 2 PCC Candidate familiarisation days and the DCC will be taking part directly in those.

The sessions will be in the form of a PowerPoint presentation covering :

- History of OPCC and statutory role
- How the office operates
- How to interpret public opinion and how to engage with the public (which is their statutory role)
- Reviewing the Force's four year plan and highlighting that their Police and Crime Plan which again is statutory would be useful to link directly to the Force plan.
- Q&A with the OPCC
- Looking at Bedfordshire as a county
- OPCC and Force relationship
- Priorities for the Force

CK asked for the Force to please inform the OPCC if they are approached by any candidates wishing to meet with them, as there are strong guidelines surrounding purdah which the OPCC must stay compliant against.

**ACTION: Force to advise CK if they have been asked for their time or approached by any candidate.**

**ACTION: CK to send PCC Familiarisation day PowerPoint to PW**

**B. SARC Update**

CK said that she would like to thank Estates, Continuous Improvement and Jackie Dadd for all their hard work, and added it was a pleasure working with them. The official launch date for the SARC is 10 February.

**C. Request for February Strategic Board to the Exec**

1. Recurring papers
2. Stalking update – CK asked for a brief with a specific focus on the training
3. Prevent – CK would like a verbal update from Force
4. Awards and recognition – CK asked if we could have a paper on this and if we think it is the correct approach or not. If not are there any considerations.

**The context of request 4 for February was that the OPCC receives requests for rewards frequently and CK wants to ensure she is doing this in a fair and appropriate way as well as it being in line with the Force policy.**

**3 CC Update**

**A. Verbal update from the DCC on items he wishes to formally notify the OPCC on behalf of the CC**

**B.**

DCC spoke about thematic tasking – not necessarily big issues. Not doing any more than they normally do.

Forensics team has been the first to be recommended for accreditation in the country.

**4 Efficiency**

**A. Data Protection**

The incident had been reported immediately and dealt with by the IMU team, so there are no concerns from the OPCC.

CK explained that the OPCC had to ask for this information, as a direct request from the ICO to all OPCCs.

**B. Estates update**

CK explained that she had just had a full briefing on Estates from the ACO and Head of Estates.

A specific note that the OPCC have asked for is that they are getting significant concerns from partners and colleagues about parking across the estate. This area is fully covered within the Estates meeting and it is well understood by the Force Executive.

**5. Effectiveness**

**A. Crime performance figures and comparisons**

Overall recorded crime has stayed stable. Nationally we are holding, however, we have made progress since the last meeting.

**B. Audits – Health and Safety**

CK is aware of the audit which was completed surrounding Health and Safety and is aware that the Force has quite a bit of work to do to complete this but understands the plans and supports them. The DCC is the lead for H & S for the Tri-Force.

### **C. Signpost Performance Framework**

CK explained that there were three options which she wanted to discuss with the Exec surrounding Signpost.

#### **VERU**

CK stated that there was an initial concern surrounding the Hospital Data, CK asked do we have a base line now to map against it for the next return. ACC stated that the data is not good enough to do this – it was not accurate and not an effective base line. We have to use it, but with a caveat to look/compare at crime figures (correlate figures).

**ACTION: KL look at ACC papers that has come to Strat Board and amend Annex B.**

ACC said school's profile was a fascinating read and inform work with schools – targeted work to be completed.

### **E. Communication about station opening, focus on Lime Street**

CK thanked DO for the paper, CK stated that the action was surrounding our communication to the public. Where we are open and how we communicate it to the public and our staff and partners. Going through the action plan, it is not reflective of the new changes.

**ACTION: Update Police website – all stations and times.**

CK thanked the exec for this action, as she raised that this is a concern which is raised time and time again through the OPCC survey – Communication with the public.

The communication strategy states that HQ will be opened at weekends. CK expressed surprise that she had seen HQ open at the weekends but not Lime Street. PW stated that this was agreed as a temporary measure on the basis that the enquiry office has to be designated for reporting, which can only be allocated by the Home Office and this is only completed at certain times, the Force is seeking designation from the Home Office (which only happens at certain times of the year). Then the switch will happen.

**ACTION - for OPCC – bring back enquiry opening times to the August Strategic Board.**

### **F. Community Remedy**

The Board would like to note thanks to Steve Ashdown for his work on Community Remedy. He has worked with Katie Beaumont in the OPCC on reviewing community remedy. The community survey which is completed annually included responses needed surrounding Community Remedy, once these responses have been gathered they were added to the Community Remedy document. It has been added onto the Strat agenda for agreement between the CC and PCC. If everyone present was happy, we could sign the paper off today.

**Decision point – paper agreed and to be published.**

**ACTION: KB to communicate with Steve Ashdown to give the go ahead for community remedy.**

## **6. Leadership and Culture :**

CC complaints:

- Mr M– remains overturned by IOPC – CK asking for more info before deciding re: using a barrister or other options – will give further update at next meeting.
- Complainant 2nd OPCC logging as non – recorded, however, IOPC may overturn.
- Previous CC – non-recorded – we have not received an appeal from the IOPC as of yet.

## **7. Quarterly Reporting**

PW stated that the final settlement will be on the 23 January 2020. Discussions were had surrounding Precept and sums which could be amounts brought forward. Wider discussion had on budget and officer numbers.

Work on the premise that we will be getting 74 Officers increase 19-20. We need to look at recruitment of police staff roles too – such as IOs – note this for a further discussion.

Draft paper will be ready by 23 Jan after the Exec Day. As we will be looking at numbers/allocation and this will be ready for the PCP too.

A recommendation will be made to the PCC and then a paper will be submitted to the Police and Crime Panel.

## **8. AOB**

CK asked thoughts and if anyone would have any objections on her approaching community safety forums to establish if they could share their thoughts on areas of concern to the public in Bedfordshire – where fear of crime is higher –as a one off exercise.

ACC said Op APEX (Midland Road) was already in place – so that small pot might just enhance it.

Work with CSP to improve areas such as clean up, lights, lock – work alongside CSPs - partnership approach as a one off. A 'Tidy – Up' of Bedfordshire.

CK asked if there were any objections.  
No objections were raised.

**Next meeting: 11.30am – 13 February 2020 - Executive Conference Room  
Papers to be shared no later than 6<sup>th</sup> February.**