



POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

STRATEGIC BOARD MINUTES

Recorded 28th January, 2019

Confirmed with	Kathryn Holloway, Police and Crime Commissioner (KH) <i>Chair</i>
	Garry Forsyth, Deputy Chief Constable (GF)
	Phil Wells, Assistant Chief Officer (PW)
	Clare Kelly, Chief Executive, OPCC (CK)
	Gavin Hughes-Rowland, Staff Officer (GHR)
	Jackie Sebire, Assistant Chief Constable (JS)
	Ashton Miranda, Staff Officer (AM)

<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting for agreement and matters arising</p> <p>KH welcomed all to the meeting. She explained that this meeting would be a slightly different format to previous meetings as it was based primarily around Priority Based Budgeting (PBB).</p> <p>Previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record.</p>
<p>2. Chief Constable Update</p> <p>No update this meeting as the focus of the meeting was on PBB.</p>
<p>3. Priority Based Budgeting and Budget approval</p> <p>GF discussed the proposed decisions that have come from the PBB process and the assumption that the Council Tax will be raised by the maximum £24. With work the force can guarantee 160 positions to be recruited to which equates to 60 additional Police Officers and an increase of 16 specific Police Staff roles albeit overall there will be a reduction in Police Staff posts.</p> <p>GF explained that whilst currently only 50% of the organisation have been through the PBB process it has been a fantastic opportunity to recognise successes and failures within those business areas. KH is in complete support of the entire process as it shows there has been</p>



an evidenced based process for the decisions that have taken place strategically.

There is an ongoing deluge of demand which the force is acutely aware of. Therefore the question is raised as to why all the new Officers are not going to be placed within the Response Team. GF said they are proposing investing in a high visibility proactive preventative intervention approach which would enable criminality to be fought on a preventative level and therefore reducing the demand on the reactive teams.

KH is in support of this policing approach and is proposing to pay for a Complex Needs Co-ordinator to look at the 5% who produce inordinate demand on the services. This would be in addition to the VARAC role she will fund. KH is keen to make an investment around assistance in the Force Control Room (FCR) and Signpost with regards to mental health. Whereby when the Mental Health Street Triage team are not available that this assistance is funded by the OPCC as well as an Officer who will act as the key liaison with both mental health and the Accident and Emergency department.

ACTION: PW to email KH the details of the Enquiry Office proposed changes.

Decision: KH fully endorses all the proposed PBB decisions.

4. AOB