



POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

STRATEGIC BOARD MINUTES

28 August 2018, 11:00

Executive Conference Room, Beds Police HQ

Attendees	Kathryn Holloway, Police and Crime Commissioner (KH) <i>Chair</i>
	Garry Forsyth, Deputy Chief Constable (GF)
	Jackie Sebire, Assistant Chief Constable (JS)
	Clare Kelly, Chief of Staff, OPCC (CK)
	Phil Wells, Assistant Chief Officer (PW)
	Anna Akerman, Director of Policy, OPCC (AA)
	John Murphy, Senior Staff Officer to the Chief Constable (JM)
	Nuala Dagnan, Executive Assistant, OPCC (ND) - <i>minutes</i>
Apologies	Jon Boutcher, Chief Constable (JB)

- Minutes agreed from the last meeting (26.07.18).

Overview of Dunstable Public Meeting:

KH asked for an overview of what is planned by the Force following the crime reported at the Dunstable Public Meeting last week. GF said that various plans are in place and that there are current specific operations going on in Dunstable in response.

KH said that it's imperative going forward that she is given a heads up on all ongoing operations so that she is fully informed. KH said she understands the pressures the Force is under with Dunstable. KH also said that she would be happy to take any specific/accurate issues and points the Force would like her to take to CSP Exec Meeting. KH gave an overview of why the Public Meetings have been set up in the various towns across the county and that they were not set up for individuals to voice individual concerns, but that they were in fact in response to a request from councillors with regard to what we are doing around Knife and Gang Crime in specific areas. KH also mentioned that she has warned previously at Strategic Board that what is being reported to the Board must be accurate.

KH mentioned that going forward all of these public meetings will be chaired by CK and that she and JB agreed, following the Dunstable meeting, that's it is imperative that a member of the Force Exec' attend also. KH also stresses that due to the current level of criticism coming from the west of the County we must work in unison.

KH mentioned the Community Surgeries promised from a previous Strategic Board, however, it appears that these are not all yet in place and would like an update on the set up of these. The PCC



suggested holding these surgeries in supermarkets on Saturday mornings for example. JS said that we do lots of community events but they are not specifically called Community Surgeries. JS will take this away and will report back.

KH commented that 157 people turned up to the Dunstable meeting including all of the town councillors. KH said that since these meeting there have been lots of positive outcomes that have been established and that we need to encourage our Community Hubs to tweet these successes which can then be re-tweeted by us. Also, people need to be able to give corrections from Hubs regarding Social Media and challenge incorrect postings. GF said that they are empowered to make corrections so will check communication and training with regard to this. GF further commented that there is clearly some learning to be had from this, but that there is nothing we cannot fix.

JS commented about the positive Community Meeting in Kempston following a recent shooting and approx 40 people turned up. JS said it was very positive as people got to voice their concerns. JS has opened this up the OPCC team to attend.

KH finished on the Dunstable Meeting and said that the issues raised were not Petty Crime, but serious Criminal Offences and that she is delighted about the work being done to address these crimes so speedily by the force since the meeting last week.

Athena: JS said we are still not happy with the data being produced and will, therefore, send a letter to the Home Office to advise of this. KH commented that two people have now been brought on board to assist with the issues, but that Northgate need to assist with this also, as they promised that they would not leave the change operation until all major issues have been resolved. JS will chase this. KH offered to contact them herself if need be. JS further added that there are still linking issues but Custody Officers have linking rights to rectify this. JS also said that there are issues with segmenting crime reporting and being able to filter these and that this appears to be a hardware issue. KH reiterated that Northgate need to resolve these issues ASAP.

Hate Crime: JS said that we don't have the resources to back track over 600 crimes. CK said we need to produce a statement as the deadline for this is in September. KH said that we need to feed information through to Anna (AA) when resources prevent us from completing tasks like this.

Congratulations to Anna Akerman: KH congratulated Anna and advised the Board of her new interim position working with the APCC and NPCC.

Cross Government Contingency Planning: GF spoke about the various ranges of Brexit plans. GF said they are looking at the worst case scenario being a no deal and boarder control. GF said that Brexit notices have been requested. CTS will start to communicate more but want to hear what the issues are believed to be. GF said that we will know by November if we need to plan a worst case scenario for March 2019 and in which case we will need to know what support will be available from Government. GF said that the Fire Service are looking at this from their point of view also. JS said that she has met with the Head of Boarder Force to ensure that all resilience is in place whether we have a deal or not.

GF spoke about Police Digitalisation and where we currently are with this.



Effectiveness – Missing and vulnerability: GF advised that there were currently no updates on this specifically to report on but that we have a November date in place for re-inspection.

Update from the Performance Board Meeting: JS said there is a 20% rise in Violent Crime and that plans going forward are that Emerald is being split, partially to separate Rape Crime. Burglary detection has gone up and the DA satisfaction rate has increased. JS also mentioned that we have been selected as a Pilot Force for a new DASH. KH asked if JS could come and present these stats at the next CJB. JS also updated on the use of Signpost to assist with increasing solvability.

Medium Term Finance Plan: PW mentioned a gap over the next 4 years of 10.4 million and that work is taking place to look at this including a Grant Fund Request. PW also mentioned that extra costs make our position look worse than last year. There will be other suggestions on how we make savings. PW added that we have spent our reserves which the Policing Minister is asking us to save.

AOB: Nothing to report.