



## POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

### STRATEGIC BOARD MINUTES

21 June 2018, 11:00

Executive Conference Room, Beds Police HQ

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

- Minutes agreed-one amend – P4 (change 94% to 90%) – Actioned by ND
- Actions – see updates on rolling action log

#### **OPCC update**

CK talked about illegal vehicles and wanted to check that before we accept a request to support this campaign that the Force were supportive. Both JB and GF said not aware of anything and that it would be a great campaign to hi-light.

#### **OPCC Survey**

CK gave an update on the recent OPCC Survey and pointed out that over 1800 residents responded. JB mentioned that it was unfortunate that the response from the 16-24 age group was low. CK mentioned that the majority would like to see the return for more visible policing. Good survey results is good for the Force moral. She also suggested a matrix at the front of HQ hi-lighting police events (for example –the Annual Parish Conference 13 September). The survey also hi-lighted the need to make the public aware of where local police stations and HUBs are located and to rectify this a map has been put together to clarify and the Force were asked to update the website with this information. KH suggested pull up maps. CK talked about victim satisfaction and that trust is an issue. JB mentioned that there is a shift in how we police and this is reflected in the survey and some of the issues we have and that the public is not happy to move to online policing.



KH pointed out the success of Signpost, one of the best news stories this year we need to do more to publicise this.

JB stressed the importance of improving communications in general going forward and he would like to take this as an action. KH said this ties in with a comms' overview the OPCC is doing right now to assist with improvements. JB asked if we could specifically look at Community Comms'. Julie Maddocks has been tasked with this review.

### **Stop and Search**

KH said that various things are changing with Stop and Search (i.e. improve training, audio and video and providing 'go wisely' banners) and that we need to make sure searches are being done well. CK said that at the last meeting there were some frustrations raised, so a follow-up meeting took place this week to clarify and re-jig the agenda which should improve future meetings. KH also mentioned that it was frustrating that two previous S&S complaints from Oct 2017 came through which they could not view. CK said a flag marker is now in place so that no other complaints go missing and If this happens again we need to launch an enquiry. KH said there were a significant number of 'other' outcomes – too many. CK this has now been rectified so the next set of reports won't have this on there because of Tuserve. KH said that we only saw two videos which was not enough (due to ice breakers and such-like). KH asked for a message to officers to go wisely especially when searching women on their own or with children (who may be concealing stolen goods). Police officers can search any individual, however, it is best to ask parent to search child under instruction. JB said he would take this as an action to him to look into this and report back. JB also said HMIC have put us forward as an exemplar, however, we must not get complacent. KH said that she also supports S&S and wants to encourage our officers not to back away.

### **Leighton Buzzard**

JB mentioned the previous reduction in neighbourhood policing. Andrew Selous mentioned this in a recent publicised letter and linked it to increased crime in Leighton Buzzard. JM has been asked to draft a response and JB will visit him. JB mentioned that we are dealing with a different policing business model today but we do need to be more visible even though many of the offences being reported may not be serious. However, when there is a need to attend an emergency we will attend. JB also mentioned that the ACC went to a recent meeting in LB. KH asked about the possibility of setting up 'community surgeries'; JB said he will look into this. JB then spoke about the crime stats broken down into town locations and reported that crime recording has been going up in the last 18 months. KH also suggested that each or the town councils should have in place a 'combating crime working group' with the police once a month, which in part could redirect the positioning of CCTV.



## Effectiveness

JB mentioned that Bedfordshire Police is no longer in PPOG, as decided by Sir Tom Winsor on 24 May and that there is now high confidence in the Force. KH said that a “rapid upward trajectory of the Force” was quoted about Bedfordshire at the last PPOG meeting.

JB talked about the recent BME Conference at HQ and that the Policing Minister - Nick Hurd attended and that the spending review was brought up at this. He added that it was a great conference, with great speakers and was pleased that the Policing Minister came to the event.

**Prevent Plus** Chief Superintendent Boyle will be the Prevent leader for Bedfordshire. KH suggested that if we can't use the name 'Prevent Plus' perhaps we should use 'Community Safety Officers' as an alternative.

**Alter Ego productions** KH mentioned that there may be complaints about the graphics, but it is keen that the productions are not sanitised too much to lose their powerful, clear message. JB said that there was good feedback regarding Alter Ego and in general regarding this year's Better4Beds. KH agreed and also said B4B was excellent.

JB said there has been a recent uplift in control room calls wanted to flag this. He said he is aware that some of this is linked to Leighton Buzzard wanting to visibly see an officer.

**ATHENA** GF talked about improvements on Effectiveness and that there was an upgrade in Compact. KH asked how quickly we envisage the Athena link being available. GF said Compact has been in the last 4 forces he has worked in and said let's have a look at the Athena product when it comes out. KH endorsed this.

## Performance

KH asked JM to look at item 1.4 of the Performance Report when he drafts the reply to the Andrew Selous letter. GF elaborated that there are critical factors and also pointed out that we have become so much better at dealing with missing & vulnerable which is being enforced by a comprehensive inspection regime. KH asked about crime recording going up and crime solving going down. GF said the volume of work in Emerald has now come down. KH asked how long is it taking for a rape case to be assigned to an officer and the case concluded. GF said he would look into this and report back. AA asked for quarterly arrest data to be brought to the next meeting. GF mentioned that the most serious crime is linked to knife crime. GF said that we need to manage demand. We will have areas of demand where we continue to keep resourcing which is not always the answer. GF said that all the actions which have come up from the Missing Persons Review are being looked at in the Gold Meeting. GF said that all recorded crime is not necessarily investigated. CK asked for the



wording to change. GF said we were the first organised crime unit in the country to use an account freezing order. KH said she would like a full explanation to go to BCJB.

KH said that she is concerned about the level of violence recently in aggravated burglary. GF said he believes these are linked to drugs, but will check and report back.

KH mentioned hotspots for robberies. GF said he doesn't have stats on this. KH said she would like to see these before the OPCC Roadshows.

**Cybercrime** KH mentioned investment in a cyber van and asked for a supply date. GF said he would check and report back. KH asked about the 7 officers going into cyber. GF said the delay is due to training right now.

### **Reporting Against the Police and Crime Plan**

GF confirmed that the figures from the last month have now been dealt with.

Exclusions & Early Intervention Work – KH said this is working very well 70 down to 6 due to RJ by OPCC. ND add RJ onto the agenda for next Strat Board.

### **Chief Constable complaints**

CK gave an update on the few complaints listed.

### **Finance:**

GF spoke about the need to put a savings plan in place and also said we would be looking at procurement savings within the next 6 to 9 months. JB said ahead of our HMIC visit next July this goes hand in hand with efficiency.

**AOB:** Nothing mentioned.