



POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

STRATEGIC BOARD MINUTES

01 March 2018 (February meeting)

Conference Room 2, Beds Police HQ

PRESENT:

Chair:	Kathryn Holloway, Police and Crime Commissioner (KH)
	Garry Forsyth, Deputy Chief Constable (GF)
	Phil Wells, Chief Finance Officer (PW)
	John Murphy, Staff Officer to the Chief Constable
	Clare Kelly, Chief of Staff, OPCC (CK)
	Anna Akerman, Director of Policy, OPCC (AA)
	Claudia Profetta – observing the meeting and contributing to minutes (CP)
Apologies:	Jon Boutcher, Chief Constable (JB)
	Mark Lay, Acting Assistant Chief Constable (ML)

<p>Minutes agreed from January 2018 meeting. Amendment to be made to KH and PW references.</p> <p>Action Updates are recorded on the rolling action log</p> <p>Victims’ Hub:</p> <p>CK offered an update on the progression of the Hub. The team are working with the software in a training mode function and look to live test soon. There are no other red issues. Communications is now progressing for both internal and external use. The launch on April 5th is receiving great interest.</p> <p>Chief Constable Update:</p> <p>Covered by the DCC (GF)</p> <p>Spit-guards and use of Force was discussed by the meeting. A dashboard is used to record every use of force and is then monitored through the Ops Board. The detail can</p>
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be looked at by geography – so location of the incident as well as patrol area of the Officer concerned. This is also overseen at the Performance board and covered at the Health and Safety Board. A use of Force meeting is run by CI Jeff Carter who takes volunteers through the process. These volunteers are members of the public, to aid the external monitoring and scrutiny of this work.

Efficiency

The governance section will be carried forward to the March meeting.

The PCC was disappointed at the Police and Crime Panel that there was a potential political approach to the vote to support the pre-cept. One counsellor would not vote until they knew they would not be named in the minutes and two others abstained from the vote all together.

Action: PW and GF to put together a savings plan and bring back to the meeting in June. This will be managed through the Change Board. GF advised that he will merge FQIP and the Change Board which will link to the savings plan.

The meeting discussed the importance of the Ministers staff working with Bedfordshire in the coming weeks and the PCC asked the Force to ensure all data was ready and available for them.

Effectiveness:

AA was concerned that an Officer who is no longer with Bedfordshire Police had significant tasks in reference to return interviews and missing. The Force assured AA that this was being covered.

All 3 Local Authority areas are looking at and reviewing their processes/forms which AA will be involved in.

Action: Anna to feedback to the meeting the progress around return interviews and missing

The PCC has written to Sir Tom Windsor, she raised that in the Nov 1st 2017 letter from Sir Tom he stated HMI Zoe Billingham would play no part moving forward in Bedfordshire's markings. This does not appear to be the case by the receipt of the most recent findings from HMICFRS. Sir Tom has responded and suggested that the covering letter had been sent "erroneously" and that Zoe had not been part of the

process. The PCC and CC had the same view that HMI Matt Parr had stated previously that Bedfordshire has improved in all areas in regards to effectiveness which would give us two goods and two needs improvement. HMI Matt Parr seemed to suggest moderation would be the same; however the PCC has grave concerns over the chaotic circumstances of this report notwithstanding the role Zoe had or did not have. The report arrived in two fonts and colours and appeared to be a work in progress. The PCC added that HMI Matt Parr had said Bedfordshire Police has made greater improvements than any other Force in the country. The PCC was asked by the policing minister about this situation and she has taken him through the details.

DCC talked through the factual accuracies and inaccuracies of the HMICFRS report. Areas of improvement have action plans against them and will be progressed through the PEEL process. However they have robustly set out some areas the HMICFRS may wish to re look at, including incomplete sentences and complete inaccuracies against facts that they have already been presented with.

The discussion moved to Operation Maze in terms of proactive response, reflexing resources and the communications plan.

Action: GF / ML to prepare a presentation to come back to next meeting re Knife Crime.

GF does not want to refine Emerald model for now. He would like it to get to full establishment before it can be properly tested. Bosons are back up to previous strength, Boson and SOCU doing tremendous work but are busy every day.

Leadership and Culture:

The Culture element will be carried forward to March.

CK offered the meeting the latest Chief Constable Complaints log. PW suggested the older ones could be greyed out. CK agreed. The two new logs show a non-recording decision by the Chief of Staff, both linked to vexatious reporting.

Quarterly reporting:

Demand Monitoring report 3:



CK took the meeting through the report highlighting that the design and structure of the report was well received by the OPCC. This was because the report linked the ambitions of the Police and Crime Plan with the feedback from the HMICFRS to the actions and performance of the Force. CK added that although there was one change to the Burglary area of the report it would go to Police and Crime Panel in April and would be used to formulate the OPCC Annual Report.

Action: GF to speak to Edward Major to alter the Q3 Report and give it back to CK before March 12th

Finance:

PW took the meeting through the finance paper and budget which was at a break-even position. There is a suggestion that we may go to an overspend position; this is due to overtime costs as we still have a lack of response driver trained Officers. The Cameras, Tickets and Collisions reserve was discussed and it was agreed that CK would draft a decision log for the PCC to approve to issue the funds from the Road safety board.

Action: PW and GF to put together a savings plan and bring back to the June meeting. This will be managed through Change Board and the OPCC will have a seat on that board to be kept informed and so they can support where appropriate.

AOB:

The PCC highlighted that there had been communication issues in regard to estates and moving forward the DCC and ACO will be invited to one of the 4 Force Business Meetings that the PCC holds with the CC every 4 weeks. CK will also meet frequently with the Head of Estates.