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MEETING OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Thursday 16 November 2017

Hertfordshire County Council,

MINUTES

1 INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND WELCOME

Cllr Jackie Hollywell formally welcomed to the PCP.

Apologies - Cllr Peter Ruffles, Cllr Andrew Scarth and Cllr Rabi Martins.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 15 JUNE 2017

Agreed.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Agreed to amend the name of the sub – group from “Cyber Crime & Scamming” to “Police Performance, Cyber Crime & Scamming”.

4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

John Hale asked the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) the following question:-

“What action is the force taking to ensure it has sufficient officers and staff available to fulfil its resourcing model and meet the demand on its services, while also taking into account the wellbeing of its workforce?”

The PCC read a prepared response (attached).

5 QUESTIONS TO THE PANEL AND PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No questions received.

6 WORKSTREAM REPORTS

Panel members reported on developments since the last meeting in the areas on which they are leading.

6.1 Collaboration – Chris Cowdrey and Cllr Isy Imarni

- Focus on BCH collaboration that are already operational.
- Overview of BCH collaboration on training day on 20.10.17.
- Attended regional collaboration workshop at PCP National Conference 6.11.17.
- Met with Karen Georgiou at PHQ 16.11.17 – 1st version of JPS ‘Balanced Scorecard’ due 1st April 18.
- Request that PCC support getting this reporting in place.
- Next step – review scorecard report, attend BCH joint collaboration PCP meeting 28.11.17, compile report for PCP.

6.2 Victim Support – Cllr Roger Trigg and Cllr Jackie Hollywell

- Attended conference on victim support.
- Victims code.
- Gain understanding of PCCs role in complying with the code.
- Will scrutinize PCC plan in relation to work for victims.

PCC commented – Could be argued that the success of the PCC has been putting victims at the centre. PCC working on SLA with victim support to seek compliance with the code.

6.3 Police Performance, Cyber Crime & Scamming – Malcolm Ramsay and Cllr Pervez Choudhury

- Meeting scheduled with Chris Brace.
- Necessary to scrutinize statistics – crime survey is a better reflection of cybercrime.

PCC commented - what drives policing is only partially crime. “Demand” is up (i.e. calls into control room) not necessarily crime.

6.4 Finance – Cllr Stephen Hodgson

- Met Mike Collier over the summer.
- Attended the Joint Audit Committee meeting
- 5 key areas – reserves, savings/collaboration, Government grant, payroll costs, income generation.

- Noted that PCC presented to Select Committee on council tax precept.
- Hertfordshire has a high level of reserves compared to other forces.

6.5 'Prevent' – Cllr Tim Hutchings

- Generally 'Prevent' seems to have been a success.

7 REPORT ON NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Cllr Israel Imarni reported on the PCP National Conference held on 6 November.

- Approximately 140 people attended comprising PCP members and support officers.
- Key themes, collaboration, merger with fire services, relationship between PCP and PCC, shared good practice of PCPs across the country
- National voice for PCP was discussed and most are in favour, to be linked to the LGA, received 20 volunteers for the steering group.
- Noted that successful PCPs have a good relationship with their Commissioners.
- Consideration of better public inclusion, use of social media to engage public.
- Self-scrutiny of Panels, what are the outcomes of the work they do?

8 THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Chris Brace clarified comments on staff numbers, no change to establishment at OPPC, they are under the agreed budget for 17/18, have no plans to increase establishment. The current Chief Finance Officer is part time – he is retiring next year, the plan is to replace with a full time post.

PCC presented reports with particular emphasis on funding. 1% increase in council tax would give an additional £600,000 which could be one officer per district.

The Panel enquired whether the success of the mental health street triage initiative could be quantified.

PCC indicated it was difficult to quantify however an evaluation report will be presented to the Hertfordshire and Wellbeing Board in December 17.

The Panel requested that this report be brought the PCP meeting also.

Question asked regarding level of direct public access.

PCC – we have taken over complaints function, which has been a success. Don't get many attenders to his surgery, happy to meet anyone.

In response to section on Modern Slavery in PCC report the Chairman referred to a video on modern slavery, which he urged members of the panel to watch, the link to the video is [here](#).

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 2 questions posed to feed back to a member's Council 1) clarity sought on how PCP agendas are set, 2) inconsistency across county regarding parking.

1) Chairman – indicated this was the agenda format from the start, but would welcome suggestions for improvement, or for other items to be included.

2) PCC reminded panel parking was decriminalised a number of years ago, therefore moved from being a Police issue to Local Authority enforcement issue, unless an obstruction is caused then Police can intervene.

- Clive was thanked for his work and input as PCP support officer and the Panel wished him a very long and happy retirement.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7:00PM THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2018 AT STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Apologies given by Cllr Pervez Choudhury