

HAMPSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

10.00am – 11 March 2016

Held in Ashburton Hall, Winchester
(Hampshire County Council)

Councillors:

Chairman

p David Stewart
(Isle of Wight Council)

Vice Chairman

p Jan Warwick
(Winchester City Council)

p John Beavis MBE
(Gosport Borough Council)
p Ken Carter
(East Hampshire District Council)
p Trevor Cartwright MBE
(Fareham Borough Council)
p Steve Clarke
(New Forest District Council)
p Tonia Craig
(Eastleigh Borough Council)
a Gavin James
(Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council)
p Alison Johnston
(Test Valley Borough Council)

p John Kennett
(Hart District Council)
p Peter Latham
(Hampshire County Council)
p Ken Muschamp
(Rushmoor Borough Council)
a Robert New
(Portsmouth City Council)
p Warwick Payne
(Southampton City Council)
p Gerry Shimbart
(Havant Borough Council)

Co-opted Members:

Independent Members

p Bob Purkiss MBE
a Amy Milford

Local Authority

p Keith Dibble
p Peter Mason
p Lynne Stagg

At the invitation of the Chairman:

Simon Hayes
Robin Jarman

*Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire
Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for
Hampshire*

Robert Parkin

Legal Advisor to the Panel

279. **BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recordings for broadcasting purposes.

280. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

281. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Tonia Craig and Gavin James, and Independent Member Amy Milford.

282. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were able to disclose to the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest they may have in any matter on the agenda for the meeting, where that interest is not already entered in their appointing authority's register of interests, and any other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any such matter that Members may wish to disclose.

Councillor Peter Latham declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 8, as he had been a patron of the Hampton Trust until 2011.

283. **MINUTES**

The Minutes from the 22 January meeting were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

284. **QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No questions or deputations were received by the Panel on this occasion.

285. **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman gave four announcements:

Inside Government Conference

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had recently presented to a conference in London on 'Effectively ensuring accountability in Local Government through Police and Crime Panels'. A brief overview of the session and learning from the wider conference was provided to the Panel, The Chairman thanked those who had assisted with the presentation.

PCC Elections

The Chairman noted that the March meeting would be the last Panel session before the public go to the polls on 5 May to determine who the Police and Crime Commissioner would be for 2016 to 2020. The Chairman notified Members that they would be holding in the afternoon meeting a review session for the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan, in order to take a view on the Commissioner's successes and areas for improvement and to make any recommendations for the future holder of this office. The Chairman thanked the current Commissioner for his regular attendance at Panel meetings, and a working relationship which had allowed the Panel to fully undertake their role. The Chair also thanked the Office of the Commissioner for their assistance.

Retirement of Councillor Mason

The Chairman had been informed by Councillor Mason of his intention not to stand for re-election in the upcoming local elections, and as such, he would no longer be an additional co-opted member on the Panel. The Chairman thanked Councillor Mason for his honest and insightful contributions, including to the Complaints and Plan working groups over his time on the Panel, and to wish him all the best for his retirement from Winchester City Council.

Chief Constable Confirmation Hearing

A Confirmation Hearing for the role of Chief Constable would follow on from the main Panel meeting.

286. **COMMISSIONER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair invited announcements from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire (hereafter referred to as 'the Commissioner'). He echoed the thanks provided by the Chairman to the Panel and to Councillor Mason, and additionally provided information on the following topics:

Operation Marmion

This Operation related to the Constabulary's effort to review all historical child sexual exploitation cases from 1997 to 2013, in parallel with the time period of the Rotherham cases reported nationally. To date, one guilty plea had been entered in relation to a reopening of a historic case, and it was hoped that this would be the first of many prosecutions. The cost of Operation Marmion was high, and was expected to last a minimum of five years, but the outcomes sought were important. The Commissioner appreciated the Panel's support for this area through their agreement of the precept and budget presented at the January meeting.

Cost of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

The Commissioner had previously raised the issue of the Taxpayer's Alliance report on Police and Crime Commissioner office costs (in

comparison to those of the ex-Police Authority), and his opinion that the figures published for Hampshire were inaccurate. In order to clarify the true costs of his Office, Grant Thornton LLP had been commissioned to review spending and provide a report concluding the matter. This had cost £3,000 to procure, but the Commissioner felt that it was important to be transparent and to settle the issue of cost before the end of his term of office. The report had found that the cost of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner was less than that of the Hampshire Police Authority, although the Commissioner had wider responsibilities. The report would be made available to the Panel.

Grant Thornton report to be circulated to the Panel.

Portsmouth Investigation Centre

The Commissioner outlined that his estates team had been unable to find a site in the city for the Investigation Centre, and was therefore exploring the possibility of locating this in Havant. A potential site had been identified, but this was approximately £8m more expensive than previously considered options. The alternatives, should this site not meet requirements, was to make a further approach to Portsmouth City Council for other site options, or to consider splitting the Investigation Centre between two sites, with an investment in the current Fratton police headquarters as a custody centre. It was unlikely that this piece of work would be concluded before the elections.

Assurances were provided that the neighbourhood and response teams would be located on the Portsmouth Civic Centre site which would have its own entrance and front desk. An investment of £400k was being made to modernise the previous Portsmouth City Council parking office.

Death in Custody

The Commissioner expressed his sadness at the recently reported death in custody of Martine Brandon, who took her own life in the Southampton Investigation Centre. His view was that the care given to Ms Brandon was not right or good, and the Constabulary had failed in their duty of care to her. The coroner had recently reported on this death in custody, setting out recommendations to the Constabulary on actions that could have been taken to prevent her death, including a number of failings in communication and checks by custody staff. The Commissioner informed that Panel that disciplinary action had been taken, and a further update on the outcomes of the coroner's final report would be provided to the Panel.

Update provided in due course.

Film Competition on the PREVENT agenda

Finalists had been identified as part of the Commissioner's competition for secondary schools and sixth-form colleges, with short film entries being produced on the 'PREVENT' agenda, highlighting the risks and dangers to young people of radicalisation. Over 20 applications had been received, and of these six submissions had made the final. These would be judged on 17 March at an event in Netley

Invitation circulated

Youth Commission

The Youth Commission would be presenting work undertaken in the previous year to the Commissioner at an event on 14 March to be held in Ashburton Hall, Winchester. An invitation would be circulated to the Panel.

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Home Secretary praise for collaboration

The Home Secretary had recently described Hampshire as the 'apple of her eye' given close collaborative work between the Constabulary and Fire Service in the county, highlighting the positive work undertaken locally to share services between blue-light organisations.

287. **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HAMPSHIRE – PROJECT CARA**

Members received an overview from the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Rob Jarman, of the Project CARA (Conditional Cautioning and Relationship Abuse) programme to date, and the ongoing rollout across Hampshire (see Item 9 in the Minute Book).

A brief overview of the history of Project CARA was provided to Members, as per the report.

In response to questions, the Panel heard:

- Cambridge University had been advising the Project and had provided analysis on the outcomes of the trials to date. It had been found that there was a statistically significant decrease in reoffending for those who had been through the perpetrator course run by the Hampton Trust as part of Project CARA.
- That currently the scheme didn't extend to female perpetrators or same sex couples as historically there had not been the number of offenders required to offer the workshops. This was now under consideration following the roll out of CARA across Hampshire, should there be enough demand.
- All requests for conditional cautions for domestic abuse cases must be agreed through the Crown Prosecution Service, and for this reason the number of individuals being offered CARA had been quite low – approximately 350 cases over a three and a half year period. It was hoped that with the roll out of the programme, the Service would be able to speed up the approval process.
- The scheme was highlighted as best practice nationally and other Forces had expressed interest in the project.

RESOLVED:

That the update is noted.

288. **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HAMPSHIRE – PEEL INSPECTION OUTCOMES**

Members received a report from the Commissioner on the recently

published outcomes from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) in relation to Hampshire Constabulary's Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) Assessment (see Item 9 in the Minute Book).

The Commissioner reminded Members that he had spoken at the January Panel meeting on the disappointing 'requires improvement' outcome in relation to the 'protecting from harm those who are vulnerable, and supporting victims' subheading. His view remained that the Constabulary had modernised their approach to triaging some calls relating to domestic abuse, and trialled projects such as CARA, and HMIC's Inspector had a more traditional view of policing. A review would be undertaken by the Constabulary to understand whether using telephone resolution for some domestic abuse calls resulted in increased risk to individuals. In the interim, the Commissioner would be writing to HMIC outlining his view on this inspection outcome.

With the exception of the above heading, all other inspection areas had been rated as 'good' or 'outstanding', and the Force had received a rating of 'good' for effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy. The Commissioner felt that this put the Constabulary in good stead for development.

In response to questions, the Panel heard:

- The numbers of domestic abuse cases referred to the resolution centre were small, and related to historic reporting or cases where there had not been a recent crime. The Commissioner had requested a review to provide outcome-based evidence to support this way forward.
- Stop and search was still an issue in regard to this power more regularly being used to stop individuals of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic background. More work needed to be undertaken to understand why this happened and what could be done to use powers more effectively and fairly. It was heard that Northamptonshire Police were undertaking work on this area nationally.
- HMIC would be re-inspecting the Constabulary, but this would not be announced until just before the inspection. It was expected that this would now be on a twelve monthly basis. The Commissioner would continue to hold the Chief Constable to account for the outcomes of these reports through the '21 priorities' agreed for scrutiny, and 'COMPASS' meetings.

RESOLVED:

That the report is noted.

289. **POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – QUARTERLY COMPLAINTS REPORT**

Members received a report from the scrutiny officer to the Panel detailing the activities of the Complaints Sub-Committee in the last quarter (see Item 10 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the report is noted.

290. **POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – 2016/17 GRANT BUDGET AGREEMENT**

Members received a report from the finance officer to the Panel detailing the proposed budget for the Panel for 2016/17 (see Item 11 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the report is noted.

291. **POLICE AND CRIME PANEL –FUTURE MEETINGS AND WORK PROGRAMME**

Members received a report from the Scrutiny Officer to the Panel, setting out the future work programme (see Item 12 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the work programme, subject to any recommendations made at the meeting, is agreed.

Chairman, 8 July 2016