

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of **DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL** held on Thursday, 28 September 2023 at Council Chamber, County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor V Newbury (in the Chair)

Councillors M Allwood (Amber Valley Borough Council), J Bryan (Erewash Borough Council), J Davies (Chesterfield Borough Council), K Gillott (North East Derbyshire District Council), C Hart (DCC) C Moesby (Bolsover District Council), A Paget (Amber Valley Borough Council), G Potter (Derby City Council), G Rhind (South Derbyshire District Council), S Wain (Derbyshire Dales District Council), and J Wright (Derby City Council)

Officers present: Alec Dubberley. Andrea Bond and Ivan Walters (Democratic Services)

Also in attendance was A Foster,(Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire) A Dale, J Rhodes-Orwin and M Romano (OPCC)

Apologies for absence were submitted for Dr S Handsley

30/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

31/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

32/23 CONFIRMATION HEARING MINUTES

The minutes of the Confirmation Hearing held on 22 June 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

33/23 APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS

RESOLVED:

To formally co-opt Councillors Amanda Paget Amber Valley Borough Council and John Wright, Derby City Council as members of the

34/23 **MEMBER QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

Councillor Moesby asked what if any impact do the introduction of the Right Care, Right Person model and the government announcement that all “all crime should be investigated” have on the Police and Crime Plan and the future of service delivery?

The PCC responded by saying that in relation to the Right Care, Right Person model was aimed at making sure the right agency deals with health related calls, instead of the police being the default first responder as is currently the case in most areas. It has been shown to improve outcomes, reduce demand on all services, and make sure the right care was being delivered by the right person .Officers in Derbyshire often attended health related incidents when the Police were not the right organisation to deal with these incidents.

It was noted that call handlers would receive training to use the model to triage incoming calls and decide on an appropriate course of action, including whether to deploy police officers or not.

The triage process was expected to result in officers attending far fewer calls, while identifying those where there is still a need for the police to be deployed, such as where health and social care partners need help, such as with patients who are violent or have assaulted healthcare staff or clinicians.

It was agreed that figures would be provided on how many calls had been diverted to other services

In relation to all crime being investigated. the PCC commented that she didn't anticipate any issues in Derbyshire and the force would always ensure that that lines of enquiry were appropriate and proportionate.

The Chair commented that she had been invited to the Victim of Crimes Conference earlier in the year and had found it very useful and asked if Panel members could be invited to future events ?

The PCC commented that this would not present a problem if numbers could be accommodated.

Councillor Rhind commented that he had heard reports of Officers turning off their bodycams when attending incidents.

The PCC responded by saying that she was not aware of any reported incidents in Derbyshire although there were times due to GDPR issues that cameras had to be turned off. She was happy with the level of scrutiny in Derbyshire around this issue.

Councillor Gillott asked if the Commissioner wished to comment on the potential role of the Mayor in taking over the Governance role of the Police and Crime Commissioner and it time the potential proposal to merge Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire into one force ?

The PCC had no comment at this time

Councillor Potter had recently attended a fire authority meeting where the impact of fire fighters being exposed to carbonaceous materials as a result of attending fire incident.

My question would be what actions are the Police are taking to ensure their staff are safe from contamination at incidents, as police officers they tend to be in the hot zone during any fire incident.

The PCC felt that she was unable to answer that question but would liaise with the Chief Constable and provide a response.

35/23 VICTIM SUPPORT & SAFEGUARDING

The PCC provided Members with a summary of the work conducted by the Commissioner in support of delivery against her Victim Support and Safeguarding priority within the Derbyshire Police & Crime Plan 2021-25 over the previous 12-month period.

Appended to the report was a copy of the meeting papers from the Commissioner's Victim Support and Safeguarding Performance Scrutiny Meeting which was held on 11th July 2023. This provided a detailed summary of work undertaken by Derbyshire Constabulary in respect of this priority.

Members were given the opportunity to make comment or ask questions which were duly noted or answered by the Commissioner. Specific reference was made to:

- the importance of the 101 service being effective as the first point of contact;
- the work being carried to try and reduce knife crime;
- the ongoing problem with e-scooters; and
- the data on violence with or without injury

In response to a question raised about whether there were any areas of concern to the Commissioner within her report, the PCC commented that in relation to delivering on her key priorities, she was happy with progress in most areas. However, concerns still existed and there was work still to be done on issues surrounding violence against women and girls ; stalking; the number of rape cases, and road safety, as despite lots of progress there were still too many deaths on the County's roads

Members generally welcomed the report and the work that was being undertaken but also felt they needed a mechanism in place to help them better understand the facts and figures contained within the reports, to enable them to effectively scrutinise and challenge, as well as offer support to the PCC. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the next Business meeting.

RESOLVED

That to note the Victim Support and Safeguarding update in relation to progress against the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025

36/23 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2022-23

Angelique Foster, Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, presented the draft Annual Report for the period 1 March 2022 - 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 12 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and also made a number of comments and observations on the Annual Report, to which the Police and Crime Commissioner responded.

Specific reference was made to the possibility of making the report format more public friendly to read and understand and using more social media to get the message across to the public of all the good work that was going on, which would enable the general public to get a better understanding of the role and responsibilities of the PCC.

In general Members felt that whilst it was an excellent report there was a large amount of information that they were required to go through which was very challenging. The Chair suggested that perhaps this was an opportunity for the Panel and the OPCC to come together to work more in partnership which would enable the Panel to both help and assist whilst scrutinising the role of the PCC, which would in turn help the Panel Members in gaining a greater understanding of the work of the OPCC and assist them in promoting both their roles and that of the PCC in their

communities.

RESOLVED that the Panel:

(1) recommend to the Police and Crime Commissioner that the Annual Report 2022-23 be issued subject to the proposed amendments; and

(2) that the report be published via the Police & Crime Commissioner's Website, www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk.

37/23 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PCC

The Commissioner made reference to the following:

The next Performance Scrutiny meeting would take place on 4 October 2023 and would focus on Rural Crime.

The next Performance Scrutiny meeting after that would focus on Violence against Women and Girls

A date of 15 December had been arranged for Panel Members to visit the Police and Fire Headquarters at Ripley and to the OPCC and also use the opportunity to discuss Budget Setting etc following the success of last year's visit.

Rural Crime week had taken place in September and activities had taken place raising awareness in communities. A new partnership against rural crime would be launching in November.

The East Midlands and East of England Road Safety summit had recently taken place and a lot of good work was taking place. The work of the OPCC and the Vision Zero campaign was highlighted.

38/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2 NOVEMBER 2023

To note the date of the next meeting.

The meeting finished at 11.50 am