

MINUTES of a meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL** held on 4 February 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

PRESENT

V Newbury (in the Chair)

Councillors F Atkinson (Amber Valley Borough Council), M Bagshaw (Chesterfield Borough Council) A Barrow (High Peak Borough Council), V Clare (Erewash Borough Council), J Frudd (Erewash Borough Council) P Innes (Chesterfield Borough Council), R Mee (Erewash Borough Council) C Moesby (Bolsover District Council), P Pegg (Derby City Council), G Potter (Derby City Council), G Purdy (Derbyshire Dales District Council) M Potts (NE Derbyshire District Council), G Rhind (South Derbyshire District Council), J Smale (Derby City Council) G Wharmby (Derbyshire County Council) (substitute member) and B Woods (Derbyshire County Council) and Dr S Handsley (Independent Member).

Derbyshire County Council officers also in attendance: L Collard (Improvement & Scrutiny,) P Stone, (Finance & ICT) I Walters (Democratic Services) and L Wild (Legal Services).

Also in attendance: H Dhindsa, Police and Crime Commissioner, K Gillott, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, D Peet, Chief Executive (OPCC), A Dale, Chief Finance Officer (OPCC), and Rachel Swann, Chief Constable and Simon Allsop, Chief Finance Officer.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Hart (Derbyshire County Council) and P Niblock (Chesterfield Borough Council)

01/21 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel held on 19 November 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

02/21 **PROPOSED PRECEPT 2021-22** Hardyal Dhindsa, Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, presented to the Panel his proposed precept for the forthcoming financial year in accordance with the duty under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The Commissioner informed the Panel of his proposal to issue a precept increase of £15.00 per year to the current Band D precept of £226.60, which would give a Band D precept for 2021-22 of £241.60.

The Commissioner, invited Rachel Swann, Chief Constable to provide members with an insight into what a precept increase of £15 would provide.

A Dale, Chief Finance Officer (OPCC), and S Allsop Chief Finance Officer, Derbyshire Constabulary, also provided a presentation to support the report.

The Commissioner was questioned in detail by Panel members with regard to his proposed precept increase and also gave members the opportunity to make comments or ask questions of the Chief Constable and the Finance officers, which were duly noted or answered

RESOLVED to approve the proposed precept for 2021-22 without qualification or comment.

03/21 **COVID – 19 – UPDATE** The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) provided the Panel with an update on the Covid -19.

The Police & Crime Panel (PCP) had been previously been provided with updates on the response to the Covid-19 Pandemic which had outlined the process by which this situation is being managed.

The Panel were reminded that the Force had adopted a ‘Gold, Silver, Bronze’ command structure to deal with the response. The PCC’s office was represented at both the Gold and Silver levels (the bronze level would be too tactical for the OPCC (Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner) to add value).

The issue of the response to the Covid Pandemic was a standing agenda item for the PCC/Chief Constable 1-2-1s that took place every week. The PCC also received ad hoc briefings as the regulations/approach changes, including the responsibilities of law enforcement.

Members had received a detailed update report in advance of the meeting and the PCC covered areas in relation to: incidents and records of contact; crime, funding and workplace, criminal justice; and recovery.

Members were given the opportunity to make comments or ask questions which were duly noted or answered.

RESOLVED to note the update.

03/21 **PROPOSED TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2021-22** It was proposed that the Police and Crime Panel timetable of meetings for the year 2020-21 be as follows:

- Thursday 24 June 2021
- Thursday 9 September 2021
- Thursday 18 November 2021
- Thursday 27 January 2022 – precept meeting
- Thursday 17 February 2022 - 2nd precept meeting (if veto exercised)
- Thursday 17 March 2022

Members noted that there was a meeting already scheduled for 18 March 2021 from last year's schedule.

All meetings would normally commence at 10am and for the for the time being will continue to be held via Microsoft Teams and streamed via the County Councils Website. If the covid situation changes, meetings may revert to either County Hall or venues around the County dependant on room availability.

It is recognised that there needs to be a degree of flexibility with any work planning process and the Panel should note that it will be possible to vary the timetable throughout the year should pressing matters arise.

In addition to the above meetings, a principal role for the Panel will be to conduct confirmation hearings for the Police and Crime Commissioner's senior appointments. When notification of these appointments is made the Panel must review the senior appointment and make a report to the Police and Crime Commissioner within a period of three weeks and so it may be necessary for additional meetings to be held at short notice.

04/21 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** The Chair welcomed Lucie Collard to the meeting who would be providing dedicated Scrutiny support to the Panel

The Commissioner reminded Panel Members that the second phase of his Vulnerability Fund was now open for organisations to apply for funding and encouraged members to spread the word within their communities.

The Commissioner would shortly be writing to Community Safety Lead officers and Chief Executives of all District & Borough Councils informing them of the next phase of the Safer Streets fund, and encouraged members to take the message back and encourage their Councils to identify bids and apply accordingly.

05/21 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** **RESOLVED** to note that the next meeting would be on Thursday 18 March 2021 at 10.00am via MS Teams.