

Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner

BUSINESS CO-ORDINATION BOARD

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 08 January 2014

Time: 14:30

Location: South Cambridgeshire Hall

Members:

Sir Graham Bright	Police and Crime Commissioner
Brian Ashton	Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
Dorothy Gregson	Chief Executive
Simon Parr	Chief Constable
Mark Hopkins	Assistant Chief Constable
Alec Wood	Deputy Chief Constable
Niki Howard	Chief Finance Officer (Constabulary)
Colin Luscombe	Head of Estates and Facilities Management (Constabulary)

In Attendance:

Jim Haylett	Head of Policy and Performance
Nancy Leversha	Strategic Accountant
Eve Landon	Policy Officer
Anna Horne	Head of Communications and Engagement
Nicky Phillipson	Interim Strategic Advisor
Melanie Dales	Superintendent (Constabulary)

Welcome and Apologies

No apologies were received.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on 19 December 2013

The minutes of the Business Co-ordination Board (the Board) meeting held on 19 December 2013 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Variation to the Police and Crime Plan

The Board were presented with a proposed variation to the Police and Crime Plan that enhanced the status of partnership working on key themes such as Victims, Offenders and Vulnerable Adults.

The Board discussed the aims of the Police and Crime Plan and agreed that a shift in attitude towards safeguarding was needed.

The Board noted that the paper stated that the Police and Crime Plan would be amended with this variation together with the appendices in the Police and Crime Plan relating to the Medium Term Financial Plan, Workforce data and the Police and Crime Reduction Grants. These amended appendices will not in fact be presented to the next panel as they are dependent upon the precept being finalised which will not be until after the Panel meets.

Resolved:

- (i) *The Board endorsed the variation to the Police and Crime Plan.*

4. Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants

The report was presented in order to update the Board on the 2013/14 crime and disorder reduction grants process and to advise on the proposed process for 2014/15. This paper had been updated since its presentation to the December Board to reflect the reduction in funding received.

The Board were informed that the indicative grant provisions were announced by the Home Office on 18th December 2013, the total reduction in the police grant, after top slicing for several projects was 5%. The board were informed that despite the reductions, the provisional grants had been well received.

Funding for Empowering Communities Neighbourhood Management and Inclusion System (ECINS) would be centralised in order to prioritise its funding in the future.

This focus was as a result of the Commissioner recognising the importance of supporting effectiveness and efficiency across community safety.

The Board also recognised that the emphasis needed to be shifted towards services aimed at reducing current and future criminality amongst young people and this was reflected in the report.

Resolved:

- (i) *To note the report*

5. Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)

The MTFP was presented to the Board with the caveat that the figures were draft and subject to ratification in January and the proposed precept. The CFO informed the Board that the budget had been balanced on the provisional figure, but finalised figures had not yet come through from the Home Office.

The Commissioner informed the Board that the proposed precept had been made available to the public. There had been limited feedback, however it was clear that what was important to the public was protecting frontline policing.

The Board recognised that the Tour de France would pass through Cambridgeshire in the year 2014 and noted that this may create potential costs.

Resolved:

- (i) *To note the report*

6. Workforce Planning Update

The Board were provided with an update on current and estimated projected staffing figures based on the requirements of the MTFP.

The Board were pleased that the number of Police Officers in Local Policing had been maintained, savings were being made through collaboration, the number of PCSO's was stable and there were continuous intakes into the Special Constabulary.

There was discussion concerning HMIC publication of staffing numbers which perhaps did not reflect the contributions of Officer's working in the collaborated unit to front line policing in Cambridgeshire.


The Board were satisfied with that the number of Special Constable's was being maintained.

Resolved:

- (i) *To note the report.*

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 22 January at 15.00, in the Monkfield Room, Cambourne.



Sir Graham Bright