

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GM POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL HELD ON TUESDAY  
29 SEPTEMBER 2020 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Nadim Muslim	Bolton Council
Councillor Nigel Murphy	Manchester City Council – (In the Chair)
Councillor Steve Williams	Oldham Council
Councillor Janet Emsley	Rochdale Council
Councillor David Lancaster	Salford City Council
Councillor Amanda Peers	Stockport Council
Councillor Warren Bray	Tameside Council
Councillor Mike Freeman	Trafford Council
Councillor Kevin Anderson	Wigan Council
Majid Hussain	Independent Member
Angela Lawrence	Independent Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Baroness Beverley Hughes	GM Deputy Mayor
Robert Potts	Assistant Chief Constable, GMP

**OFFICERS:**

Clare Monaghan	Director Policing, Crime and Fire, GMCA
Kelly Simcock	Strategic Advisor, GMCA
Jeanette Staley	Salford City Council & GM Police and Crime Policy Lead
Gwynne Williams	Deputy Monitoring Officer, GMCA
Sarah Keaveny	Head of Comms, GMCA
Jenny Hollamby	GMCA Governance and Scrutiny
Lee Teasdale	GMCA Governance and Scrutiny
Steve Annette	GMCA Governance and Scrutiny

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received on behalf Councillor David Jones, Bury Council, Councillor Graham Whitham, Trafford Council and Carolyn Wilkins, Lead Chief Executive, Policing, Fire and Crime.

## **DEATH OF SERGEANT MATIU RATANA**

At the invitation of the Chair, the members of the Panel observed a brief period of silence in respect to the memory of Sgt Matui Ratana of the Metropolitan Police Force, killed in the line of duty on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### **PFCP/03/20 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items raised.

### **PFCP/04/20 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were approved as a correct record.

### **PFCP/05/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made

### **PCFP/06/20 GM POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2019/20**

Consideration was given to a report which outlined the functions, activity and progress in meeting the police and crime objectives in the Mayor's police and crime plan.

Introducing the report the Deputy Mayor placed the achievements made towards the objectives in the Plan squarely against the significant contribution that the police and fire services had made during the current pandemic, including their role in securing compliance with a frequently changing regulatory framework, and the joint effort being coordinated by the Strategic Coordination Group and the Mayor's Emergency Covid Committee, support in securing PPE, staffing the Nightingale Hospital, establishing an emergency mortuary, and an important humanitarian role supporting vulnerable people.

'Standing Together', the new police and crime plan was launched in March 2018 following the election of the Mayor and appointment of the Deputy Mayor in May 2017. This report covered the period April 2019 to March 2020 and outlined progress against each of the three priorities of the Standing Together Plan.

The report detailed the unprecedented challenges faced but also the successes achieved in rising to meet those challenges and responding to the needs of citizens. It also provided detail of partnerships and the work of Police and Crime Teams and communities in individual districts forging local solutions to local situations.

The report also identified the challenges of technical change, financial pressures, and the increasing complexity and nature of crime, including serious and organised crime, emerging cybercrime, human exploitation and human trafficking. Priorities in terms of keeping people safe, supporting victims, including victims of domestic abuse and historic child sex abuse, were also highlighted. The report also focussed on the early intervention approaches to youth justice and supporting vulnerable women, together with innovatory multi-agency

approaches to complex safeguarding.

Innovatory work in partnership working with local communities in projects such as the Community Safety Fund and canvassing citizens in regular quarterly surveys to provide meaningful benchmarks by which to gauge service delivery and performance were also highlighted.

Members welcomed all the achievements made and the foundations that these now presented for sustained improvements going forward. The importance of partnership working was seen as being key in sustaining the progress so far made, and involving and supporting communities. The work on the Hate Crime Plan was also welcomed in view of the emergence of specific hate crime issues during the pandemic, and the need to give support and reassurance to encourage victims to come forward.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To welcome both the achievements made, and each of the key elements of the Plan, during a uniquely difficult period of unprecedented and unforeseen challenges, and to extend the Panel's congratulations to all the officers and key partners, and to the representatives of local communities, for the work that they have taken forward together.

#### **PCFP/07/20 IOPS AND CRIME DATA UPDATE / PARTNER ACCESS**

Consideration was given to a report which informed the Panel of the progress in the continuing development of GMPs iOPS technology.

It was reported that the PoliceWorks 2.7 was the next major release which was still on track for early autumn 2020. This release contained a number of significant fixes as well as further functional enhancements, including 'Soundex', which will improve the search capability. PoliceWorks 2.7 is currently being tested and is on track for an autumn release.

Any outstanding issues not included in PoliceWorks 2.7 are currently being reviewed for inclusion in the PoliceWorks 2.8 release, with delivery planned for the end of the year. The iOPS suite of products continued to perform well and was stable. PoliceWorks remains the product of focus for the iOPS Futures product team with a programme of enhancements planned for the next 18 months.

The Panel was also updated on how non- Greater Manchester Police employees can access data and reports held within iOPS. PoliceWorks is Greater Manchester Police's records management system and provided a number of reports that have been requested by business owners. Access to reports is controlled by 'role-based access', from 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020, as a result of which it was possible to provide access to non-GMP employees access to the reports following training delivered by the iOPS team. iOPS Cognos is the data management and Information system designed to enable business users without technical knowledge to extract corporate data for analysis. An important feature of Cognos is that it will help to identify data quality issues to ensure that data and performance / operational information is accurate so as to assist the Force in making informed decisions.

A procedure was in place for appropriate partners to request access to iOPS subject to an Information Sharing Agreement.

Whilst welcoming the developments, members asked when remote access would be available as access currently was limited to GMP laptops. It was reported that arrangements were in hand to roll-out Windows 10 to give remote access, and the timetable for this would be reported to the next meeting. It was recognised that some groups would not have discrete access to analytical support to properly interpret data, and a member asked if they were any shared resources that could be accessed by such groups.

The Chair suggested that this was something that the GM Police and Crime Steering Group might be able to look at in greater detail.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the reports and the various benefits resulting from the implementations of the iOPS programme be noted.

**PCFP/08/20                      2020 OFFICER UPLIFT**

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update of the final distribution decisions that have been made around the 347 additional officers allocated to GMP for the year 2020/2021. Officers reported that the primary decision driving the allocation of additional police officers remained the Force's commitment to neighbourhood policing but with effective and responsive flexibility with other key operational and organisational needs.

The report identified that the majority of the additional officers (246) had been allocated to local policing roles and broke these down between individual districts, and detailed the other officer allocations made.

A member asked how initial training needs for new recruits had changed over the past decade in the light of the changing face and complexity of crime. Officers indicated that the key change was certainly in terms of the complexity of crime but also that a great deal of police work now focused on recognising vulnerability and safeguarding and dealing with vulnerable people. Members asked if it was possible to drill down the details for each district to show (a) the division between neighbourhood beat officer and neighbourhood police officer roles, (b) the position of PCSOs and special constables, and (c) the likely impact of planned retirements over the next 12 months. It was confirmed that this could be done.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the report be noted.

**PCFP/09/20                      GMP CRIME DATA -2020**

Consideration was given to a report which informed the Panel of the recorded crime in Greater Manchester in the first 6 months of 2020. Total recorded crime figures exhibited an overall reduction of 19% in the period, and the report broke down the reductions by crime type and assessed the relationship with the period of 'lockdown'.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the report be noted.

**PFCP/10/20**

**DECISIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR**

Consideration was given to a report which highlighted decisions made by the Deputy Mayor in the period from 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to September 2020.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the report be noted.
2. That all future reports include recommendations that assess and identify the impact of the proposal on inequalities, environmental and financial issues in relation to the topic. This would be supported by a commitment to collect, analyse and report on data, including community intelligence, to understand that impact.

**PFCP/11/20**

**ANNUAL RECORD OF COMPLAINTS RECORDED ON BEHALF OF GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL**

In line with the Police, Fire and Crime Panel's Forward Plan consideration was given to a report which provided members with a summary of complaints recorded on the Panel complaints record in respect of police and crime matters.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the report be noted.

**PFCP/12/20**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 16 November 2020 at 2.30 pm, via MS Teams.