

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GM POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL HELD ON MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Nadim Muslim	Bolton Council
Councillor David Jones	Bury 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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Baroness Beverley Hughes	GM Deputy Mayor
Chris Sykes	Assistant Chief Constable, GMP

**OFFICERS:**

Clare Monaghan	Director Policing, Crime and Fire, GMCA
Jeanette Staley	Salford City Council & GM Police and Crime Policy Lead
Gwynne Williams	Deputy Monitoring Officer, GMCA
Sarah Keaveny	Head of Comms, GMCA
Nicola Ward	GMCA Governance and Scrutiny
Paul Harris	GMCA Governance and Scrutiny
Paul Duggan	GMF&RS
Steve Annette	GMCA Governance and Scrutiny

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received on behalf Carolyn Wilkins, Lead Chief Executive, Policing, Fire and Crime and Angela Lawrence, Independent Member.

**PFCP/13/20**

**CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items raised.

**PFCP/14/20**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2020 be approved as a correct record.

**PFCP/15/20**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made. The Chair reminded members to return the GMCA Annual Declaration of Interest form to the GMCA Governance officer.

**PCFP/16/20**

**GM POLICE PRECEPT SETTING PROCESS**

Steve Wilson, GMCA Treasurer introduced a report and provided an overview of the statutory duties of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel in relation to the setting of the police precept and the timescale. He added that conversations were on-going with GMP colleagues, the GM Mayor and GM Deputy regarding the in-year financial position, to better understand the issues and medium-term planning drivers moving forward. He added that the report referred to the Comprehensive Spending Review, further adding that the multi-years spending review and budget had been pushed back. Details of the spending review which will be announced next week would provide an indication of the Home Office settlement.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note that statutory duties of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel in relation to the setting of the police precept.
2. To note the timetable for the setting of the 2021/22 police precept and to agree that an additional meeting of the Panel be convened in mid-January for this purpose, under the direction of the Chair.

**PCFP/17/20**

**GMP – POLICE RECRUITMENT**

Steve Williams, Oldham Council introduced a report which outlined a Motion raised at the Full Council meeting in Oldham on 9 September regarding a report published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) on Roads Policing. The Motion asked GMP to provide more responsive support in relation to drivers' behaviour and speeding.

There followed a detailed discussion with members asking a variety of question and making comments including;

Members agreed that greater support would be valued by most local communities as there was significant local reporting of excessive traffic speeds and some evidence of increased

road traffic accidents and one recent local fatality. Investment was needed but the Panel also welcome a view from GMP about priorities for road safety. Other members believed that a great deal of work was already being undertaken by LA Community Safety Teams / Community Action Groups in partnership with GMP, using resources. Including cameras, provided from the Deputy Mayor's budget. The importance of developing a unified partnership approach was emphasised and for the purpose of developing that approach data on road traffic accidents to enable informed comparisons of the position across GM authorities and other police forces.

The Deputy Mayor in thanking members for their contributions, added that she felt this was an important issue and that the approach that should be adopted moving forward is by way of a partnership approach between GMP, LA and TfGM and GMF&RS. She added that ACC Bailey, GMP was leading through the safer roads partnership on the development of a new strategy and to urge the promotion of a National Road Strategy, and would welcome the opportunity to provide members with an update on its aims and objectives.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the motion passed at the Full Council meeting in Oldham and it was agreed that this is a substantive item for consideration at a future meeting of the Panel.

#### **PCFP/18/20**

#### **IOPS UPDATE**

ACC Sykes, GMP introduced a paper and provided members an update on the progress in the continuing development of GMPs iOPS technology. He reported that the programme of works under iOPS Futures would be concentrating on its next version of Police Works, the GMP records management system, which is a software improvement which will significantly change the way that officers search and interrogate the system.

It was anticipated that this would be launched before Christmas, subject to any operational issues with suppliers due to Covid restrictions. He added that the system was performing well and was stable, despite the pressures and demands placed upon it as a result of Covid.

A member commented that there had been issues with local authorities accessing crime statistics to inform future planning. ACC Sykes said accessibility should now be happening through the existing community safety partnership structures.

A member added that there had been an issue in his borough in accessing data in relation to some cumulative impact zones in Leigh and Wigan town centres, and ACC Sykes agreed to look into this matter and report back in due course.

A member asked about the current position regarding remote access by community safety teams and the roll-out of IT equipment. Jeanette Staley, Salford City Council, Police, Fire & Crime Policy Lead, reported that this was something that she was coordinating pan- GM and added that there was a commitment from GMP to roll-out Windows 10 laptops to community safety teams.

A member in acknowledging the improvements in the system, asked if there was any work being undertaken to improve customer service and whether there was an ambition going forward to share data, where appropriate, with other partner organisations such as the NHS improve the way services are delivered to communities.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the update be noted.

**PCFP/19/20 GM POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL – COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

Gwynn Williams, Deputy Monitoring Officer, GMCA introduced a report which presented for approval minor revisions to the Panel’s Complaints Procedure, arising from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Fire and Rescue Functions) (Amendment) Order 2020 and requesting that the Panel delegate the functions of the Lead Chief Executive, Carolyn Wilkins, under the Complaints Procedure to the Chief Executive of Salford City Council, Jim Taylor, in the GM Lead Chief Executive’s current absence from role.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the revised Complaints Procedure as described in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
2. That approval be given to the revised Complaints Procedure delegating authority to Jim Taylor, Chief Executive of Salford City Council, to undertake the functions of the GM Lead Chief Executive under the Complaints Procedure, in the GM Lead Chief Executive’s absence from role.

**PFCP/20/20 DECISIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GM DEPUTY MAYOR**

Consideration was given to a report which highlighted decisions made by the GM Deputy Mayor in the period from September 2020 to November 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/21/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed.

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