

Item No.3

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL HELD ON FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 2016 AT TAMESIDE COUNCIL

MEMBERS PRESENT-

BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly (Chair)
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE COUNCIL	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	Councillor David Lancaster
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Iain Roberts
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

ALSO PRESENT

Tony Lloyd	Police and Crime Commissioner
Jim Battle	Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
Mr. Ian Hopkins	Chief Constable, Greater Manchester Police
Peter O'Reilly	GMF&RS
David Acton	GMF&RA
Adam Allen	Chief Executive Officer, OPCC

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sir Howard Bernstein	GMCA Head of Paid Services
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Jayne Stephenson	OPCC
Clare Regan	OPCC
Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Mike Owen	Bury Council
Andrew Lightfoot	Manchester CC
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Steve Rumbelow	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC

Steven Pleasant)	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant)	Trafford Council
Donna Hall)	Wigan Council
Julie Connor)	Greater Manchester
Steve Annette)	Integrated Support Team

1. PCP/16/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Sue Derbyshire (Stockport Council), Masqood Ahmad (Independent Co-opted Member) and Mayor Ian Stewart (Salford City Council)

2. PCP/16/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

3. PCP/16/03 MINUTES OF POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING – 30 OCTOBER, 2015

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve as correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Police and Crime Panel held on 30 October, 2015.

2. To agree that Jean Stretton, Oldham Council be appointed as a member of the Panel in place of Councillor Jim McMahon MP, and to extend to Jim the Panel's grateful thanks for his valued contribution to its work.

4. PCP/16/04 POLICE AND CRIME FORWARD PLAN 2016-17

A report was submitted by Mike Owen, Chief Executive Portfolio Lead for Police and Crime that set out a proposed Forward Plan for 2016-17 to inform the business of the Police and Crime Panel. The Forward Plan supported the Panel in meeting its statutory functions and assumed that much of the detailed work to support the Police and Crime Panel and the Police and Crime Commissioner would be undertaken by the Police and Crime Steering Group.

RESOLVED/:

That the Forward Plan 2016-17 be noted.

5. PCP/16/05 POLICE AND CRIME PRECEPT 2015/16 AND BUDGET PROPOSALS

The Panel received a report from the Police and Crime Commissioner detailing the process and context for setting the precept for 2016/17 and requesting that this be taken into account when considering the proposed precept and budget proposals for 2016/17.

The Commissioner reported that the Provisional Funding Settlement received indicated that the police grant for 2016/17 would be cut in cash terms by 0.6%. For GM this would mean a grant cut of £2.4m. Coupled with increased costs in national insurance contributions it is anticipated the saving requirement for 2016/17 is £30.2m. The Commissioner added that when considering the precept level he had to take account of rising crime levels, increasing

threats identified by the Chief Constable and the impact of the cumulative cuts since 2010. Accordingly he proposed to increase the police precept by £5 per annum for a band D property (£ 3.34 for a band A property).

The Commissioner added that he remained committed to protecting frontline policing across GM and raising the precept would allow him to provide the Chief Constable with the resources to enable him to maintain levels of police officers, PCSO's and support staff as is practicable, and in doing so would raise additional income of £3.5m, equating to the cost of 70 police constables.

The Commissioner reaffirmed his commitment to partnership working and informed the Panel that it was his intention to maintain the Community Safety Budget funding at 2015/16 levels.

A member commented that as the financial benefits are realised as a result of public service reform, there should be a system in place that allows for the benefits to be shared equally across the districts. In response the Commissioner said that a key challenge would be to adopt a total budget approach across all public sector partners and that this was something that he wished to explore going forward.

Discussion then took place regarding how the proceeds from crime are monitored and reinvested within communities and whether there was scope for monies to be applied across a broader field than GMP initiatives. The Chief Constable agreed to provide a report to a future meeting.

The Commissioner reported that he would continue to work closely with the Chief Constable to develop a new operating model which will ensure that GMP is equipped and trained for the demands of the 21st century. This will include technology such as body worn video technology and smart phones to make policing more effective and efficient.

The Commissioner informed the Panel that he had recently launched a funding scheme across GM that was aimed at communities bidding for a slice of £900,000 to build strong neighborhoods, encourage volunteering and empowering the region's young people.

RESOLVED/:

1. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner proposes to increase the police and precept by £5 for a band D property with effect from 1 April 2016.
2. To note the latest revenue budget projections and the proposals for achieving a balanced budget for 2016-17.
3. To note the budget assumptions relating to the budgets for 2016/17 including the proposals for the Community Safety Fund.

The Panel

Chair

