

## ITEM 3

### MINUTES OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL HELD ON FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2017 AT BOLTON TOWN HALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT-

BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Rishi Shori (Chair)
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE COUNCIL	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	Mayor Paul Dennett
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Alex Ganotis
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

#### ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Sue Murphy	Manchester City Council
Tony Lloyd	Police and Crime Commissioner
Ian Hopkins	Chief Constable, Greater Manchester Police
Peter O'Reilly	GMF&RS
David Acton	GMF&RA
Adam Allen	Chief Executive Officer, OPCC
Diane Curry	Police & Crime Panel Independent Member

#### OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Pat Jones - Greenhalgh	Bury Council
Geoff Little	Manchester CC/GMCA Head of Paid Services
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
Andrew Lightfoot	GMCA Deputy Head of Paid Service
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer

Liz Treacy ) GMCA Monitoring Officer  
Julie Connor ) Greater Manchester  
Steve Annette ) Integrated Support Team  
Simon Nokes ) New Economy

### **PCP/17/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

### **PCP/17/02 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Maqsood Ahmad, Independent Member, Howard Bernstein (Manchester) and Mike Owen (Bury)

### **PCP/17/03 POLICE AND CRIME FORWARD PLAN 2016-17**

The Panel received a report from Mike Owen, Chief Executive Portfolio Lead for Police and Crime that set out a proposed Forward Plan for 2017-18 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/:**

1. That the Forward Plan 2017-18 be noted.

### **PCP/17/04 POLICE AND CRIME PRECEPT 2017/18 AND BUDGET PROPOSALS**

The Panel received a report from the Police and Crime Commissioner detailing the process and context for setting the precept for 2017/18 and requesting that this be taken into account when considering the proposed precept and budget proposals for 2017/18.

The Commissioner began by giving formal notice of his proposal to increase the precept by £5 per annum for a Band D property (£ 3.34 for a band A property). This headline reflected a further reduction of £5.7M in the Police Grant in 2017/18, falling on top of year on year cuts since 2010. He recognised that the proposal had the effect of shifting the funding of the police service from national taxation and that this impacted directly on the most vulnerable in society, and was to be regretted. Greater Manchester Police would still require to find savings over the next four years, some £40M of further savings may be necessary dependent on the outcomes of the Government's review of funding for the police service.

The Police force in Greater Manchester was at the same time being asked to do more with less. It was acknowledged as the most challenging area in England and Wales in terms of the policing of important issues around vulnerability; different and more professional ways of working in areas of domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation and emerging claims of sexual abuse in sport: mental health service breakdown, and the pressures of building and sustaining essential working partnerships across the board. The number of offices had fallen from 8000 to 6000 and the proposed increase in the precept would enable the Force to recruit

500 police officers annually, and this would also present an opportunity to make the Force more representative of the BME communities in the City region that it serves.

In terms of the Community Safety Fund, this would be maintained at 2016/17 levels and it was the Commissioner's expectation that this would be used consistent with the needs of the Police and Crime Plan.

Supporting the proposals the Chief Constable sought to headline the key areas of risk in relation to the outcome of the Police Funding Formula model which would inevitably create winners and losers; the potential risks associated with the replacement of the Airwave system if the procurement of a fully tested and operative system is not in place before the existing licences expire; leadership and cultural change, of which BME recruitment was but part, and demands on the service and the impact of these for the well-being of the workforce.

Diane Curry added that going forward it was important to monitor the retention of police officers and the opportunities that they are afforded with regards to promotion opportunities within the service. The Chief Constable added that this was something that he was very mindful of and added that he welcomed and encouraged apprenticeships and university graduates going forward.

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 neighbourhoods, encourage volunteering and empowering the region's young people.

The Chair brought it to the attention of the Panel that this was the Commissioner's last budget meeting and wished to place on record his appreciation for the work he has undertaken during his time in office.

## **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 2017.

2. To note the latest revenue budget projections and the proposals for achieving a balanced budget for 2017-18.

3. To note the budget assumptions relating to the budgets for 2017/18 including the proposals for the Community Safety Fund.

**PCP/17/05 SUMMARY ON WORK OF THE POLICE AND CRIME STEERING GROUP FOR 2015/16 AND WORK PLAN 2016/17**

A report was submitted from Mike Owen, Chief Executive Portfolio Lead for Police and Crime that outlined a summary of work conducted by both the GM Police and Crime Leads and Steering Group meetings for the period April 2016 - December 2016. The approved work plan priorities for 2017/18 were provided as an appendix of the report.

Councillor Shori introduced the report and highlighted some of the key areas in which the Police and Crime Steering and Leads Groups had focussed. He wished to place on record his appreciation for the work undertaken by the Independent Members in helping to shape and drive forward the work plan.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That acknowledgment be given of the work carried out during April 2016-December 2017.
2. That the Panel approve the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Steering Group work plan for 2017/18.

**PCP/17/06 OVERVIEW OF GREATER MANCHESTER'S CIVIL RESILIENCE ARRANGEMENTS, 2016**

The Panel received a report from Kathy Oldham, Head of Civil Contingencies and Resilience Unit, that outlined the learning identified from major incidents in Greater Manchester during 2016, together with highlighting significant developments in civil resilience and the management of emergencies.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the lessons identified in relation to arrange of incidents.
2. To note the opportunities presented by membership of 100 Resilient Cities network.
3. To note the wider contribution resilience can make to urban growth, economic investment and community wellbeing.

The Panel

Chair