

MINUTES OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5 JUNE, 2017 AT CHURCHGATE HOUSE, MANCHESTER

Members Present-

<u>BOLTON COUNCIL</u>	Councillor Derek Burrows
<u>BURY COUNCIL</u>	Councillor Tamoor Tariq
<u>OLDHAM COUNCIL</u>	Councillor Barbara Brownridge
<u>ROCHDALE MBC</u>	Councillor Sultan Ali
<u>SALFORD CC</u>	Councillor David Lancaster
<u>STOCKPORT MBC</u>	Councillor Wendy Wild
<u>TRAFFORD COUNCIL</u>	Councillor Laura Evans
<u>WIGAN COUNCIL</u>	Councillor - Nazia Rehman - (Observer)
<u>INDEPENDENT MEMBER</u>	Diane Curry
<u>INDEPENDENT MEMBER</u>	Maqsood Ahmed

Also in attendance-

Andy Burnham	GM Mayor
Baroness Beverley Hughes	Proposed GM Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime
Eamonn Boylan	GMCA
Andrew Lightfoot	GMCA
Liz Treacy	GMCA
Adam Allen	GMCA
Steve Annette	GMCA
Jayne Stephenson	OPCC
Jeanette Staley	Salford City Council & GM Police & Crime
Policy Lead	

PCP/01/17 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive opened the meeting. Nominations having been invited for the Chair of the Police and Crime Panel and Councillor Tariq Tamoor having been proposed and seconded, and there being no further nominations, Councillor Tariq Tamoor was appointed Chair of the Police and Crime Panel for the municipal year 2017/18.

Councillor Tariq immediately referred to the difficult and troubling times being experienced in Manchester and other places, and he invited members and officers present to stand briefly in silence to respect the victims of the recent terrorist attacks in Manchester and London.

The Chair also placed on public record the grateful thanks of the Panel to Tony Lloyd and Jim Battle for their work as Police and Crime Commissioner & Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for their efforts to lever in funding with which to support a number of key community projects which would continue to bring benefits to Greater Manchester for the foreseeable future.

PCP/02/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Nigel Murphy, Councillor Joe Kitchen, Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, Ian Hopkins, Chief Constable, GMP and Julie Connor, GMCA.

PCP/03/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

PCP/04/17 MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

RESOLVED/-

To note the membership of the Police and Crime Panel for 2017/18 as follows:

DISTRICT	MEMBER
Bolton	Councillor Derek Burrows
Bury	Councillor Tamoor Tariq
Manchester	Councillor Nigel Murphy
Oldham	Councillor Barbara Brownridge
Rochdale	Councillor Sultan Ali
Salford	Councillor David Lancaster
Stockport	Councillor Wendy Wild
Tameside	Councillor Joe Kitchen
Trafford	Councillor Laura Evans
Wigan	Councillor Nazia Rehman (To be confirmed)
Independent Co-opted member	Maqsood Ahmed
Independent Co-opted member	Diane Curry

The Chair welcomed Councillor Wendy Wilde (Stockport) Nazia Rehman (Wigan) and Laura Evans (Trafford) to their first meeting and expressed the hope that they enjoyed the contribution that they would make to the work of the Panel.

PCP/05/17 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Panel was informed that the GM Mayor had decided to appoint a Deputy Mayor, Policing and Crime and as such the Panel had to hold this confirmation hearing at

which the Mayor's proposed candidate would appear to answer questions relating to the appointment.

The Mayor echoed the Chair's introductory remarks about the difficult times that we face as a community, and also his praise for the foundation work laid by Tony Lloyd and Jim Battle. He also paid tribute to the Chief Constable and his senior staff in relation to their response to the terrorist attack at the Manchester Arena, and to the work of all police officers in response to the enquiries following that event and the successful policing of key public events in the city in the days following that incident that had done so much to give reassurance to the public and to demonstrate that Manchester was 'open for business'.

The Mayor outlined the challenges that now reinforced the need for a national debate in relation to police funding and police numbers, which the Chief Constable was already on record as saying were "at the bottom end of reasonable" and he stressed the importance of Greater Manchester continuing to have a strong voice in that debate, and also to address the challenge ahead in terms of an inclusive approach to tackling extremism and fostering social inclusion in our society. It was in relation to these very challenges that he believed his nomination for Deputy Mayor was critical for Greater Manchester, and he felt that there were very few people who could meet the criteria that he had set to take that work forward and to continue the hard won reputation that Greater Manchester had for credibility and seriousness in the way that we go about our work. Baroness Beverley Hughes brought huge experience as a former Member of Parliament, Minister-of-State for counter- terrorism and community cohesion in the Home Office and former Leader of Trafford MBC, and he had great pleasure in proposing her appointment.

Baroness Hughes then answered questions from Panel members to comply with due process.

Baroness Hughes indicated that she felt honored to have been asked to take on this role and the opportunity to serve Greater Manchester again in a way that she had not expected. She echoed the comments made by others in terms of the work previously done by Tony Lloyd and Jim Battle, a rich heritage to be built on going forward to which she brought 25 years of experience in public life both as an MP and as a local councilor, and a deep knowledge of dealing with the diverse problems coming up from local communities.

Baroness Hughes was asked for her views on bringing together diverse views from the 10 districts, and especially how the issues of hate crime and abuse affecting an area like Rochdale would receive the attention they merited. In response she indicated that in her view whilst the devolution architecture was now in place there remained a job of work to be done in terms of making that work for everyone in Greater Manchester as effectively as possible. It was important that local people felt that their leaders were listening to what they say and that what was being heard was being acted upon, and she believed that the devolution model was likely to enable this to happen than any Government led strategy could. Those discussion needed to be open and clear; to promote inclusion but also remove any perception that there can be any level of tolerance of extreme behavior in any form as we develop a GM approach to the problems we undoubtedly face that everyone can have confidence in. There were problems in relation to anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, problems that admittedly involved special challenges, problems that were talked about a great deal immediately

following a terrorist incident, problems that needed prevention rather than reaction and which were a fundamental part of the way that we relate to our community, and how we get them to relate to us.

The terrorist incident at Manchester arena had identified the benefits of closer coordination of 'blue light' services across Greater Manchester, and Baroness Hughes was invited to outline how she saw those improvements being achieved. She indicated that the changes necessary was clearly on the agenda and that the review of responses to that incident by all services would provide the springboard to examine options for greater integrated working perhaps on a place-based model of working. Further pressed on the importance of those service properly reflecting the communities that they serve in employment strategies, not just in bold numerical terms but in terms of hierarchical progression, she indicated that she understood the challenges involved, especially for young people in terms of transport being a barrier to employment, an issue that the Mayor's pledge to extend concessionary travel to young people as a means of breaking down segregation was meant to address.

Reference was made to the work commenced by the previous Police and Crime Commissioner on justice reform through the Justice Board, and Baroness Hughes was asked if it was her intention to continue that work. In response she indicated that the importance of reducing re-offending was key to the successful working of every aspect of the criminal justice system, but it was also important to formulate a holistic picture that also embraced those who experience or are affected by crime, so she would wholeheartedly continue to take that work forward.

A discussion took place about the responsibility that local businesses had to play in terms of ensuring that they did not add to local behavior problems, licensed premises and off-licences being cited as specific examples. Baroness Hughes indicated that this was an issue where all partners, police, local councils, businesses, needed to work together, she cited the 'purple flag' approach in Bury, as an example of practice that others might replicate, and she suggested that a future meeting of the Panel might usefully discuss in depth how we achieve the necessary multi-layered approach to dealing with alcohol related behavior in its many forms.

Questions were also posed about cyber-crime and Baroness Hughes indicated that this was a crime of our era, a new crime for which new responses were needed, and she was pleased to report that development had already commenced at a forensic level to first of all gauge the scale of the problem and to begin to formulate a more robust response, and she would be happy to report to a future meeting when that work had progressed sufficiently.

Invited to give her vision over the three years of her appointment she hoped that in that time there would be a marked difference in the way in which all our services would be working within local communities and that those communities would see and appreciate those changes. A question was posed to her about the use of anti-social behaviour powers, and she indicated that those powers had initially been a response to people who had felt beleaguered in the face of anti-social or criminal behavior in their communities, but she also believed that it was necessary for a discussion to take place with this panel and others to get a feel about how the powers were being used and whether they were still meeting local needs. This was part of a wider discussion about young people and citizenship and the important role of the PCSOs as first point of community contact, and she hoped that the next three years would see their role in

community policing continued, and, if possible, increased. She recognised a morale issue for the Police, staff were under a lot of pressure and there were community concerns about visibility and responsiveness, and it was important that they know that we know that, and that it will be part of our campaign for funding and our commitment to strong neighbourhood policing and a strong presence in every community

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the process outlined for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor, Policing and Crime.
2. In the light of the Panel's scrutiny of the Mayor's proposed appointee, and the opportunity afforded to the Panel to engage with her on wide ranging issues, this Panel recommends that Baroness Beverley Hughes should be appointed to the post of the Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor, Policing and Crime.

PCP/06/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair reported to the group that as the membership of the GM Police and Crime Panel has changed substantially, it is now prudent to review the GM Police and Crime Panel Structures and to that end the Chair invited all panel members to present to him any comment and ideas they may have on the future structure. Following this engagement with Members the Chair will meet with relevant officers to develop a new GM Police and Crime Panel structure that will come back to the Panel for approval in due course