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### **CUMBRIA POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER'S PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY CONFERENCE**

The Police and Crime Commissioner's Public Accountability Conference will take place on **Thursday 10 May** in Conference Room 3, Police Headquarters, Carleton Hall, Penrith, at **9.00am**.

The purpose of the Conference is to enable the Police and Crime Commissioner to hold the Chief Constable to account for operational performance.

**G Shearer**  
**Chief Executive**

**Attendees:**

Police & Crime Commissioner	- Mr Peter McCall (Chair)
OPCC Chief Executive	- Mrs Gill Shearer
Joint Chief Finance Officer	- Mr Roger Marshall
Chief Constable	- Mrs Michelle Skeer

# **AGENDA**

## **PART 1 – ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

An opportunity (not exceeding 20 minutes) to deal with any questions which have been provided in writing within at least three clear working days before the meeting date to the Chief Executive.

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Attendees are invited to disclose any personal/prejudicial interest, which they may have in any of the items on the Agenda. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest, then the individual should not participate in a discussion of the matter and must withdraw from the room unless a dispensation has previously been obtained.

### **4. MINUTES OF MEETING**

To receive and approve the minutes of the Public Accountability Conferences held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018, (copy enclosed)

### **5. DECISION 013-2018- CAPITAL BUDGET PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2017/18**

To receive, note and approve the provisional capital outturn position for 2017/18

### **6. CONSTABULARY REVENUE BUDGET PROVISIONAL OUTTURN REPORT 2017/18**

To receive and note the provisional outturn report on the Constabulary revenue budget for 2017/18

### **7. DECISION 014-2018 FINANCIAL OUTTURN REPORT 2017/18**

To receive, note and approve the provisional financial outturn for the 2017/18 financial year

### **8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES JANUARY to MARCH 2018 and ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

To receive and note the Treasury Management Activities January – March 2018 and Annual Report 2017/18

**9. DECISION 015-2018 - INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

To receive and note the annual report from the Head of Internal Audit

**10. DECISION 016-2018 – EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUDIT 2017/18**

**Effectiveness of arrangements for audit**

(a) A report of the Joint Chief Finance Officer on the effectiveness of arrangements for audit

**Review of Effectiveness of the Joint Audit and Standards Committee**

(b) To receive a report reviewing the activities of the JASC as a contribution to the effectiveness of arrangements for governance

**11. DECISION 017-2018 – EFFECTIVENESS OF GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS (OPCC) 2017/18**

**Effectiveness of Governance arrangements**

(a) A report of the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer of the Commissioner on the effectiveness of Governance arrangements

**The Commissioner's Annual Governance Statement**

(b) For approval of the Commissioner's 2017/18 Annual Governance Statement

**The Commissioner's Code of Corporate Governance**

(c) For approval of the Commissioner's 2018/19 Code of Corporate Governance

**CUMBRIA POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY CONFERENCE**

Minutes of the Public Accountability Conference held on  
Wednesday 28 March 2018 in Conference Room 3, Police Headquarters,  
Carleton Hall, Penrith, at 10.00am

**PRESENT**

Police & Crime Commissioner - Mr Peter McCall (Chair)

**Also present:**

T/Chief Constable (Michelle Skeer)  
T/Deputy Chief Constable (Mark Webster)  
Joint Chief Finance Officer (Roger Marshall)  
T/Chief Superintendent (Dean Holden)  
Chief Superintendent (Justin Bibby)  
OPCC Governance Manager (Joanne Head) – taking minutes

**PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC****001. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from the Assistant Chief Constable (Andy Slattery)

**002. URGENT BUSINESS AND EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items of urgent business to be considered by the Committee.

**003. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of any personal interest relating to any item on the Agenda.

**004. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No questions had been received from members of the public prior to the meeting.

The Police and Crime Commissioner took the opportunity to congratulate the Constabulary on the outcome of the recent HMIC Peel Report and all the good work they had carried out. He also wished to congratulate Mrs Skeer on the confirmation of her appointment as Chief Constable. She was due to take up the post from 1 April 2018.

## **005. PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION**

T/Deputy Chief Constable Webster provided a performance update for the previous 12 months up to the end of February 2018.

Annually the Home Office conducted a Crime Survey in England and Wales following which they produce crime data of what crime has been reported. All forces have reported an increase in the number of reported crimes with Cumbria seeing an increase of 10-11%. The Crime Survey had shown a gradual decrease from 1995, however analysis had shown that this was due to officers recording more accurately what was occurring. Violence against the person covered a broad range of crime including serious assaults, homicides, wounding through to more minor assaults and road traffic accidents that resulted in serious injury or death.

It was noted that there was a 40% increase in harassment, threats on social media which all fell into the violent crime category, many of which were not previously reported. In the Peel Report it was noted that Cumbria were making more arrests for domestic violence offence. The force currently sat in the top three within the country for guilty pleas and hearing outcomes which was pleasing. Police operations around the festive period, bank holidays, the use of plastic glasses in public areas, officers wearing of Body Worn Video, taxi marshalling, focus on hate crime with takeaways were all having a positive effect on reducing or detecting such offences.

There had been a small increase, although not statistically significant, of reported theft and inquisitive crime. Of the 2,050 reported burglaries 54% (1100) were homes with the remainder being outside buildings such as sheds.

With regard to sexual offences there had been an increase in the number of cases being reported. This was being attributed to more confidence in reporting, improved attrition rates, specialised courts and officers wearing body worn video especially for domestic violence cases.

The Constabulary were due to issue all operational officers with body worn video equipment within the next 4 to 6 weeks. It was envisaged that this would provide better evidence of incidents as they were happening and help to resolve any complaints at an early stage.

Although anti-social behaviour figures continued with a decreasing trend it was recognised that it often caused difficulties for some communities and therefore the Constabulary carried out proactive work and place policing resources within the communities to alleviate or prevent. This work was often picked up as part of the daily management meetings.

**RESOLVED,** that, the report be noted.

## 006. THEMATIC PRESENTATION – SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME AND DRUG SUPPLY

T/Detective Chief Superintendent Holden provided a presentation on serious and organised crime within the county, particularly in relation to drugs and the 'County Lines' method of supply.

In regard to Organised Crime Groups (OCG) there were currently 54 groups with 19 classified as active and 35 as archived; usually due to police intervention or disruption. In the North West region Cumbria represented less than 3% of OCG's in the region. The Constabulary used a tiered response to OCG's using the regions response group TITAN. The Commissioner was then provided with an explanation of how County Line supply of drugs operated within the county. Due to the anonymous nature of the suppliers and their dealers it was more often that front line dealers were arrested rather than those supplying the drugs.

Through vital intelligence supplied by members of the public it was possible for the Constabulary to build up information about the various groups with a view to removing them. The Commissioner advised of the importance of providing assurance to the local communities that their information was being used and was beneficial in the stopping of drug offences. T/Chief Constable Skeer advised that leaflet drops within communities on what has happened had been successful.

A number of examples were provided regarding how drugs supply often led to other criminal activity, the technique of 'cuckooing' by OCG enforcers, sexual offences against some of the local drug dealers or users and modern day slavery. Unlike other areas in the North West Region, Cumbria had not seen the different types of violent crime associated with OCG's. Social economy within the county played an important part in where drug supply occurred and which areas were at greatest risk.

There had recently been a number of successful prosecutions within the south of the county seeing a total of 150 years imprisonment for many drugs gangs.

**RESOLVED,** that, the report be noted.

## 007. THEMATIC PRESENTATION – ENSURING OFFENDERS FACE A CONSEQUENCE FOR THEIR CRIME

Chief Superintendent Bibby presented a thematic report to highlight how offenders faced the consequences of their actions and crimes.

### Terms of Reference

Help for Victims - our website has access and support to victims. RJ & CR detail is provided and what it means for them.

CR & RJ - everyone is trained, Victims Code wanted to build on e-learning and give face-to-face training over a 3 month period. Significant increase from Feb 2018 onwards. Dip sample shows continued improvement - 16 cases involved in the rehabilitation programme, reparation was 18 cases. Reduction in letters of apology, increase in face to face apology and RJ when victim meets the offender and talk about the issues.

PCC - reduction in the process time for the officer going down this route rather than a prosecution? Any saving for the officer?

JB - seen embedding of the remedy staff. Once decision made, remedy team take it on rather than the officer.

PCC - would an officers perception be its more productive

JB - re-offending has reduced.

Stop / Search - significant amount of training for officers and staff. Better recording, now on mobile devices and can scrutinise. Quarterly panel to randomly dip sample searches by the Business Improvement Team. Positive outcomes significantly increasing up to 26%, powers are applied appropriately.

Lot of intelligence led work and this is a tool we can use to realise matters.

Pre-Charge Bail - 2017 legislation changed regarding bail. Implementation reduced the amount of time individuals are held on police bail, strict guidelines. Inspector has to authorise, maximum of 28 days, to extend a Supt can extend for only 3 months. After that it is referred to a court to decide.

Cumbria had officers working at a national level and therefore the transition was smooth and good systems set up.

Still presents challenges where someone is not placed on bail. Focusing heavily on this now.

High harm offences - serious offences, rape, child abuse. Introduced released and Inspector to choose whether bail is appropriate or not. End of February training was completed. Hoping to increase the number of those released for high harm offences under bail.

PCC - offences whilst on bail?

JB - once they are on conditional bail, provides protection for the victim, evidence

PCC - how often?

JB - Daily Management meeting - any bail breaches are mapped as a priority. 14-15 crimes/day, breach of bail - 4-5 times per week. Proactively police the restrictions as part of the safeguarding of the victims/witnesses. PCSO's can also monitor the situation. Put them before court if they breach and seek remand.

CC - released under investigation, lot of work as this is a potential risk.

PCC - to get conditions they have to be on bail?

JB - yes and has to be done by an Inspector. Can then manage and ensure safeguarding. If really high then would work with the CPS to protect the victim and seek remand.

DH - if have to release under investigation for DV, Sex Offences would look at safeguarding support.

RM - any negative impact.

JB - challenge of released under investigation. Nationally bail was given and seen as a restriction, have to do a lot of work to monitor released under investigation as there has been an increase. Operation Dusk review in area all cases, ID any learning and correct procedures applied.

Needed to understand the impact on the management of it. As a Supt I now authorise bail over 28 days, not been significant. Impact on front line supervision, management of released under investigation can be significant numbers. Red Sigma should assist.

CC - HMICFRS will focus on this to see how it is embedded.

Positive Outcomes

Offending rates have significantly dropped across the county.

Scrutiny - RRG and OcCD Scrutiny Panel - quarterly basis.

Examples of out of court disposals.

Penalty notices for disorder - allows it to be dealt with at the time, keeps out of criminal justice process.

Discontinued cases - data includes withdrawal of co-operation of victim/witness. Need to gain their support and confidence. Need to make them aware of how we can protect/support them. % of victims to conclusion, Cumbria continues to perform at the top end nationally. Lot of training to officers/sgtsinspectors.

3rd highest for positive outcomes, top for charge/summons.

**Meeting ended at 11.45am**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_