

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

Minutes of the Public Accountability Conference held on  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in Conference Room 3, Police Headquarters,  
Carleton Hall, Penrith, at 10.30am

**PRESENT**

Police & Crime Commissioner - Mr Peter McCall (Chair)

**Also present:**

Chief Constable (Jerry Graham)

Deputy Chief Constable (Michelle Skeer)

T/Assistant Chief Constable (Sean Robinson)

Detective Chief Superintendent (Andy Slattery)

Constabulary Marketing & Communications Manager (Helen Lacey)

Constabulary Performance Consultant (Steph Stables)

OPCC Chief Executive (Stuart Edwards)

OPCC Head of Communications and Business Services (Gill Shearer)

OPCC Assistant Policy Officer (Jo Woof)

OPCC Executive Support Officer (Paula Coulter) – taking minutes

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

**058. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from the Chief Finance Officer (Mr Roger Marshall);

**059. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

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

## 060. MINUTES

The Chair presented the minutes of the Public Accountability Conference also held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 which had previously been circulated with the agenda. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

**RESOLVED,** that, the

- (i) Minutes of the Public Accountability Conference also held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair;

## 061. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

## 062. END OF YEAR 2016/17 PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION

T/ACC Robinson gave a presentation, the purpose of which was to present to the Commissioner the Constabulary's performance for the 12 months to March 2017 as agreed in the Police and Crime Plan Accountability Framework, and in addition to provide statistical estimates for crime levels at the end for this year (2017-18) where appropriate and information about user satisfaction performance.

During the summer months it was acknowledged that Cumbrian officers had taken part in response to the various terrorist incidents that had occurred throughout the country.

It was noted that there had been a 2.1% fall in crime overall (-551 offences). The category for sexual offences had seen a rise of 173 incidents which was seen as positive, as there remains an aspiration to increase reporting of sexual offences.

Domestic abuse (aspirational target to increase) accounted for 34.9% of Violence Against the Person, up from 2015/2016, where these offences accounted for 32% of all violent crime. Assault with injury saw the biggest numerical decrease in offences reported during 2016/2017 (-126). Assault without injury saw the biggest numerical increase in offences reported during 2016/2017 (+115). The main offence within this category is common assault and battery.

The categories for Theft & Burglary have both decreased, and an on-going media campaign for members of the public to ensure their property is secured reiterates the message. CSP's and communities have worked hard to publicise media campaigns.

Robbery consists of very low numbers in Cumbria, and numbers have dropped away since September as a result of good targeting work.

There has been a slight reduction in Hate Crime – numbers are small and are analysed daily, with each case being looked at in detail to provide re-assurance to communities. Partnership work is on-going.

Public order offences have fallen in the period due to early intervention and a professional, proportionate approach.

Following a discussion, the presentation was noted.

**RESOLVED**, that,

- (i) the presentation be noted;

### **063. SEXUAL OFFENCES**

Detective Chief Superintendent Slattery gave a presentation in relation to Sexual Offences, the purpose of which was to provide the Commissioner with assurance that the Constabulary can respond effectively to investigations of sexual offences; that officers are able to respond to victims of sexual offences in an appropriate manner including keeping the victim fully informed of the progress of the investigation and to give an overview of sexual offences within Cumbria and the performance data.

Cumbria has seen a 10.3% increase in the number of rapes nationally, which is slightly under the national average figure of 11.5%. Only 5% of cases were of stranger rape. It was noted that there has been an increase in youth on youth offences (under 18's).

The Constabulary, together with the OPCC, continue to support victims by:-

- running various media campaigns
- advice available on website
- increasing Victims Code training to refresh officers
- Referrals to the Bridgeway
- Comms process for ISVA referrals

Following a discussion, the presentation was noted.

**RESOLVED**, that,

- (i) the presentation be noted;

## 064. OFFENDING & SERIOUS CRIME

Detective Chief Superintendent Slattery gave a presentation in relation to Offending & Serious Crime, the purpose of which was to provide the Commissioner with the following assurance that the Constabulary is seeking to address the issue of tackling crime and serious offending in the county.

The nature of crime and harm is changing, with comparatively fewer crimes happening on our streets and many more now taking place online or out of sight.

The rise in 'hidden harm' crimes like child abuse, Fraud and modern slavery also require a different approach in terms of policing.

All forces are required to do ARMS risk assessments and put interventions in place. There is currently a 96% completion rate on ARMS risk assessments, as people are constantly coming into the process & going out of the process.

The 4 pillars approach consists of:-

- Supervision
- Monitoring
- Interventions
- Victim Safety

Each Offender Manager has an average of 54 offenders, rising to 75 per Offender Manager when you take into account those in custody – these figures are in line with the national average. The ViSOR administrator sits separately from the force systems.

There has been an increase of Registered Sex Offenders (RSO's) in the county of 35% but this is not out of kilter with national figures. The county has an Approved Premises which is a national resource, and this has an impact on the numbers.

MAPPAs are managed at different levels:-

- Category 1 = sexual offenders
- Category 2 = violent offenders
- Category 3 = dangerous / extremist offenders

Following a discussion, the presentation was noted.

**RESOLVED**, that,

- (i) the report be noted;

## 065. ETHICS & INTEGRITY PANEL REPORT

The OPCC Chief Executive presented the Ethics & Integrity Panel annual report. The purpose of the Ethics & Integrity Panel is to promote and influence high standards of professional ethics in all aspects of policing and to challenge; encourage and support the Commissioner and the Chief Constable in their work in monitoring and dealing with issues of ethics and integrity in their organizations.

The Panel considers questions of ethics and integrity within both organizations and provides strategic advice and support in relation to such issues.

Following a discussion, the presentation was noted.

**RESOLVED,** that,

(i) the report be noted;

The Commissioner thanked everyone for their contribution.

**Meeting ended at 11.25am**

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

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