

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
STRATEGIC RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 23 MAY 2014
AT COUNTY HALL, WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM, NG2 7QP
COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM

MEMBERSHIP

(A – denotes absence)

- Paddy Tipping – Police and Crime Commissioner
- A Chris Cutland – Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
- Kevin Dennis – Chief Executive, OPCC
- Charlie Radford – Chief Finance Officer, OPCC
- Chris Eyre – Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
- A Sue Fish – Deputy Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
- A Steve Jupp – Assistant Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
- A Simon Torr – Assistant Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
- Margaret Monckton – ACO Resources, Nottinghamshire Police

OTHERS PRESENT

Sara Allmond – Democratic Services, Notts. County Council

Richard Antcliff – Nott. City Council

Helen Bell – Notts. Crime & Disorder Partnership

Sallie Blair – Better Times

Paul Dickinson – Nottinghamshire Police

Richard Fretwell – Supt, Nottinghamshire Police

Rosemary Healy – Nott. City Council

Lisa Powell – Nottinghamshire Police

Rebecca Whitehead – Ashfield District Council

PART A

PRESENTATION ON THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACT

Presentation by Helen Bell

Helen Bell, Policy Officer, Nottinghamshire Crime and Disorder Partnership gave a presentation on the work of the Partnership and on the Anti-Social Behaviour Act.

In relation to Anti-Social Behaviours (ASB) recording of ASB now related to issues such as dog fouling rather than more serious crime issues. The performance figures showed a deterioration after May which was when calls relating to ASB began to be dealt with via the 101 telephone number. The number of noise complaints had doubled over the last three years in the city which was a cause for concern. It had been agreed that the City Council would lead on investigating the issue with the Force monitoring the performance figures. There was a clear spike in the number of calls between 9pm and 2am however the services to respond to ASB were currently not available during this time period.

The new Anti-Social Behaviour Act had received Royal Assent in May and would come into effect in October 2014. It provided a new tool kit with six broader powers.

The two key areas were Community Trigger and Community Remedy. A Community Trigger meant a Force Case Review and so there was a need to identify what the trigger would be. The Community Remedy required further work. An ASB Transition Group had been established to work on this and there would be a multi-agency training package, which was beginning shortly.

During discussions the following points were raised:-

- A cloud based information system was being trialled in Ashfield, which was improving the information flow and was helping information to be shared between partners and enabled information to be accessed away from the office via mobile devices as the system was a secure web based system. Other authorities were already using it. It was taking time to get buy in from all local authorities. The cost of the system was by area not by user. If a contribution was required from the Commissioner to move the project forward this would be considered. Chief Constable agreed to contact all Chief Executives regarding the system.
- The blockers to authorities taking on the new system included having to change systems again and about how broad the definitions are within the Act. The broader definitions meant it now touched on many areas and organisations. There was a need to first agree in principle the ways of working in relation to call handling, risk assessment forms and information sharing to ensure everyone was following an agreed approach and there was consistency across all partners.
- Whilst there was generally a buy in on information sharing at a strategic level across partners, this did not always filter through to the staff within the organisation. It was important that partners worked to ensure that staff were following the approach agreed at the strategic level. This was about changing the mind set of staff when they were considering whether or not to share information. An overarching information sharing protocol for all partners in Nottinghamshire was being developed by Nottinghamshire County Council.
- The new definitions of ASB were very broad and the quality of life definition had a low threshold and opens out ASB into areas that were not classed as ASB previously. By having all ASB calls go to 101, then they can be dealt

with centrally rather than the caller being passed between partners without anyone taking responsibility for the issue. Noise is an example of this. Currently there are no sanctions regarding noise, but from October there will be.

- In Ashfield there are now ASB Case Officers who manage the cases, meaning that it becomes the responsibility of that officer to co-ordinate a response. This is particularly useful when the issue relates to a number of partners or there are a number of different issues in the case. At the moment different local authorities had different procedures in place, so there was a need to have some consistency.
- There was a suggestion that logging calls via 101 to show that the was an ongoing issue was being used instead of logs being kept by the victim. The possibility of using track my crime to do this would be investigated to see if the system could do this.

It was agreed that:-

- Chief Constable Chris Eyre would contact the Chief Executives of each Local Authority regarding the cloud based information sharing system
- Kevin Dennis would get an update on progress with the Information Sharing Protocol being developed by Nottinghamshire County Council
- Nottingham City Council would investigate the increase in noise complaints and develop strategies to combat the issue.

The meeting adjourned from 11.30am to 11.42am

PART B

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Chris Cutland, DCC Sue Fish, ACC Steve Jupp and ACC Simon Torr.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2014

Agreed

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S UPDATE REPORT

Chief Constable Chris Eyre introduced his report and highlighted a number of areas including that the Police Cadets won the 2014 National Cadet Competition Trophy and the Force held its first Celebration of Achievement Ceremony in January which celebrated long service and the individuals who had gone above and beyond the call of duty.

During discussions the following points were raised:-

- In relation to performance, crime was up slightly for the Force overall at the end of March, however it was down in the City. It had been hoped to bring overall crime down before 31 March however this had not been achieved. The profile of crime in Nottinghamshire had changed. Retail crime was an issue for the area and there had been work in this area to combat the issue, through Operation Dormouse, which was now being adopted by other Forces. In relation to violence with injury and violence without injury, public perception of what these meant was different to how the Force had to record them. ASB figures have gone up due to changes in recording. How incidents and victims were dealt with was important and ensure that the problem was understood, not just the chasing of figures.
- In relation to regional working, the Force approach was to be as integrated as possible with the region to help reduce cost and enable the Force to focus on local policing. There was collaboration on many specialist areas and further areas were being considered such as criminal justice.

RESOLVED 2014/018

That the report be noted

YEAR END TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW

This item was removed from the agenda, as it had been revised since publication. It would now be considered as an executive decision.

RESERVES AND PROVISIONS

The Chair agreed that this report be tabled in replacement of the Year End Treasury Management Review report which had been removed from the agenda.

Charlie Radford introduced the report which advised the meeting of the use of and levels of balances held within the accounts for 2013-14.

During discussions the following point was raised:-

- There was the required provision within the fund regarding A19.

RESOLVED 2014/019

That the report be noted

PERFORMANCE AND INSIGHT REPORT

Chief Constable Chris Eyre introduced the report which set out the performance of the Force to March 2014.

During discussions the following points were raised:-

- Performance figures were assessed weekly by the Force Chief Officer Team.
- Victim Satisfaction figures were currently stable.
- Overall crime was currently showing a marginal reduction (year to date).
- The Force had delivered a balanced budget and all the savings required to enable this.

RESOLVED 2014/020

That the report be noted

REVENUE BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT 2013-14: YEAR TO MARCH 2014

Margaret Monckton introduced the report and advised that the Force had an underspend of £90,000 at year end. Considering the level of savings the Force had made during 2013-14 this was a good figure. Very strong financial controls had been put in place to ensure that the Force met its savings targets.

During discussions the following point was raised:-

- Employees across the Force were generally aware of the financial situation. The savings were now impacting on all departments. The way staff were dealing with the situation was humbling.

RESOLVED 2014/021

That the report be noted.

CAPITAL OUT-TURN AND SLIPPAGE 2013-14

RESOLVED 2014/022

- 1) To note the key outturn figures in 2013-2014 as follows;
- 2) That the net slippage detailed in the appendices of £7.201m be agreed.

WORK PROGRAMME

Kevin Dennis introduced the report which provided a programme of work and timetable of meetings for the Strategic Resources and Performance meeting.

RESOLVED 2014/023

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.00 pm

CHAIR