

HUMBERSIDE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

16 March 2020

PRESENT:

Hull City Council	Councillor Sean Chaytor Councillor Haroldo Herrera-Richmond MA Councillor Linda Tock
North Lincolnshire Council	Councillor Jonathan Evison Councillor Richard Hannigan
Independent Co-opted Member	Mrs Hazel Chase Mrs Susan Whittaker

The meeting was held at the Ergo Building, Bridge Head Business Park, Meadow Road, Hessle.

- 308 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and invited all in attendance to introduce themselves and identify the local authority they were representing.
- 309 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Resolved** - That it be noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Birch, Nickerson and Weeks (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) and Councillors Silvester and Rogers (North East Lincolnshire Council).
- 310 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS** – There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal or personal and prejudicial interests.
- 311 **MINUTES - Resolved** - That the minutes of the proceedings of the panel held on 6 February 2020, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and signed by the chairman subject to the inclusion of the following paragraph -
- "The Police and Crime Commissioner confirmed that the development known as Melton 2 was progressing on schedule, and would see various Police operational buildings close and relocate to the new office accommodation at Melton".
- 312 **POLICE AND CRIME PLAN – UPDATE** – The Chairman welcomed Keith Hunter (Police and Crime Commissioner) and Rachel Cook (Chief Executive Officer of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) to the meeting to update the Panel on the progress being made against the aims of the Police and Crime Plan.

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The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner had produced a leaflet which would be circulated to all stakeholders and partner agencies. The leaflet would inform all interested parties of the performance of the Police and Crime Plan. Members of the Panel were shown a short video that accompanied the leaflet.

The Commissioner added that as a result of the election for the position of Police and Crime Commissioner being postponed until May 2021, the Plan would continue for a further year.

The Commissioner also provided a comprehensive update on the planning, preparation and review of operations for tackling the impact of Covid-19.

Following the Commissioners verbal update, the Chairman facilitated a discussion between Panel members and Mr Hunter and Miss Cook on the Police and Crime Plan.

Resolved – (a) That the Secretary to the Panel invite the Chief Constable of Humberside Police to attend a future meeting, and (b) that the Police and Crime Plan update be noted.

- 313 **EARLY INTERVENTION YOUTH FUND – PROGRESS TO DATE** – The Chairman invited the Police and Crime Commissioner to introduce the agenda item. Mr Hunter introduced Stewart Atkinson to the Panel, the Contract and Commissioning Manager at the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside (OPCC).

Mr Atkinson informed the meeting that the OPCC for Humberside had been successful in a bid to the Home Office Early Intervention Youth Fund. A total of £337,500 had been awarded for projects which would operate across the whole of the Humberside Police force area, to help divert children and young people away from crime. The funding ran until March 2020.

Members were guided through an informative presentation from Mr Atkinson, accompanied by a video on the Early Intervention Youth Fund.

Following the presentation, the Chairman facilitated a discussion between the Panel, Police and Crime Commissioner and Mr Atkinson.

Resolved – That the presentation be received with thanks.

- 314 **CoPACC TRANSPARENCY AWARD** – The Chairman invited the Chief Executive Officer at the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside to introduce the item. Miss Cook informed members that every year, since 2013, CoPaCC had assessed how the Offices of Police and Crime Commissioners (OPCCs) fulfil their statutory obligations for transparency as required by the statutory transparency factors contained in The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011.

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The OPCC was assessed during November and December 2019, with the assessment being undertaken by a researcher acting as a ‘mystery shopper’ looking for the required information on the website of each OPCC.

As a result of the assessment, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside achieved the required standard for the 2020 ‘Open & Transparent’ Quality Mark.

Resolved – That the Panel congratulate the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside on being awarded the CoPACC 2020 Open and Transparent Quality Mark.

- 315 **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE, FIRE AND RESCUE PANELS** – The Secretary to the Panel informed the meeting that the National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels was established in April 2018.

When the Association was established, there was a membership fee of £500 per year. The cost could not be met through the Home Office Grant agreement to Police and Crime Panel’s, which meant that Panel authorities had to bare the costs.

The Panel discussed whether to join the National Association at its meeting on 29 May 2018 (minute 245 refers). However, until the uncertainty over whether the Home Office Grant could be used to cover the membership fee, the Panel agreed not to join the Association.

A report to the National Association’s AGM in November 2019, highlighted that there had been a reduction in its membership and the membership fee was a barrier to panels joining the association. The National Association considered and subsequently agreed to remove the membership fee and operate on subscription free basis with effect from 19 November 2019.

On the 27 November 2019, an email was received from the Chair of the National Association to the Secretary to the Humberside Police and Crime Panel, to advise of the changes and asked for an expression of interest from the Humberside Police and Crime Panel to join the National Association.

The Chairman facilitated a discussion between members on whether the Panel should join the National Association of Police, Fire and Rescue Panels.

Resolved – (a) That the Humberside Police and Crime Panel become a member of the National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels, and (b) that the Chair of the Humberside Police and Crime Panel, through its secretary, advise the Chair of the National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels of the Panel’s decision.

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- 316 **NINTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR CHAIRS, MEMBERS AND SUPPORT OFFICERS OF POLICE (FIRE) AND CRIME PANELS** – The Secretary to the Panel informed the meeting that the ninth National Conference for Chairs, Members and Support Officers of Police (Fire) and Crime Panels will be held on 23 and 24 November 2020.