



## **COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING**

Tuesday, 14 April 2015

2:15pm – 4:30pm

### PRESENT

- Mark Burns-Williamson – West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)
- Isabel Owen – Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner (D/PCC)
- T/CC Dee Collins
- T/DCC John Robins
- ACC Russell Foster (1 - 4)

### ALSO PRESENT

- Chief Insp. Melanie Jones
- Sgt. Sally Shipley
- Sharon Waugh, Engagement Manager
- Claire Shelley, Engagement Officer
- Phillip Cross, Engagement Officer

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### **1. Notes of the previous meeting including matters arising**

This was the first new style Community Outcomes Meeting (COM), actions raised from the last (COM) on 22 December 2014 were picked up at the Joint Executive Group (JEG) on 9 March 2015. There were no other outstanding matters arising to discuss.

### **2. Urgent Items**

- a) **West Yorkshire Youths travelling to Syria** - The PCC asked for and received an update on the situation regarding the West Yorkshire Youths travelling to Syria. T/CC Dee Collins also advised that in light of the event, the Head of Communications for NPCC TAM had been approached to discuss good practice and how to encourage local engagement.
- b) **Policing football matches** - T/CC Collins updated the PCC on recent decisions taken in respect of the recent Leeds United home match against Cardiff City. The PCC was reassured that lessons had been learnt from the policing of other matches. The PCC requested more detail on the situation outside of the meeting.

It was also agreed that T/CC Collins would use this section to report on urgent items she wished to raise with the PCC.

### Actions

- a) The PCC would be provided with a detailed brief about the Leeds United v Cardiff City football match.
- b) That the T/CC would give a performance overview update to each COM meeting.

### 3. Police and Crime Commissioner Announcements

- a) **SARC** - The PCC welcomed the newly launched SARC service in West Yorkshire to help victims and survivors of sexual offences he spoke about the importance of meeting the needs of all victims including children, he also said he planned to visit the new SARC service to talk to staff and service users.
- b) **POCA** - The PCC raised concerns with the Home Office announcement that they were to top slice POCA by a further £5m. The PCC said he would write to the Home Office to seek clarity on the subject.
- c) **“Pavements are for people”** - The PCC highlighted a new project being piloted in Leeds called “Pavements are for people”. The project was to educate communities about street furniture and obstructions and the impact it had on the visually impaired. OPCC colleagues were working with the force engagement team and Leeds Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to take the project forward.
- d) **Revenge Porn law** - The PCC said he had supported the introduction of the Revenge Porn law, a national campaign.

### Actions

PCC to:

- a) Visit the new SARC service
- b) Write to the Home Office to seek clarity on the top slicing of POCA monies.

### 4. T/Chief Constable Announcements

T/CC Collins provided the meeting with an end of financial year update on crime figures for West Yorkshire as follows:

- 1% reduction in total recorded crime which was a 30 year low, with reductions in domestic burglary, shop lifting, personal theft and bike theft.
- increase in violent crime and sexual offences (in line with the national trend).
- A significant increase of 47.5% had been recorded for sexual offences, but the COM was reminded that a change in recording practices and an increased confidence in reporting such crimes had contributed to this increase.

T/CC Collins added that the Office for National Statistics (ONS) were due to release a report on crime figures for the period up to Dec 2014. The CC and the PCC were to issue a press release prior to the release of the ONS Report which would provide a clearer more accurate picture for West Yorkshire Communities.

The PCC welcomed the achievements in the reduction of overall crime particularly in light of the severe budget cuts, he highlighted the need for the incoming government to make policing more of a priority when considering spending. He also spoke about his recent investment into safeguarding, to meet the increasing challenges ahead.

T/CC Collins also informed the meeting that for the first two weeks in April 2015, 1000 more offences had been reported than the same period in the previous year.

#### **Action**

For the T/CC and the PCC to issue a joint press release.

### **5. Safeguarding and Child Sexual Exploitation**

Discussions took place around the future format of the report and it was agreed that the Safeguarding Advisor would play a key role in ensuring, a joint report would be produced to future meetings.

ACC Russell Foster introduced the force report, he highlighted key areas and referred to the recommendations from Her Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary (HMIC) surrounding Child Protection, published in January 2015.

He informed the meeting that the Leeds Ofsted report, published in March 2015, met the requirement of good, with leadership, management and governance being rated as outstanding. It was felt that the next visit from HMIC would reflect the good work being undertaken in Leeds.

The PCC recognised the commitment and hard work being undertaken in the areas of Safeguarding and CSE, he felt a joint inspection by HMIC and Ofsted would be more efficient and effective.

The PCC sought reassurance that resourcing risks had been alleviated with recent investments into CSE and Safeguarding, so that CSE could be sufficiently tackled and prevented in West Yorkshire. ACC Foster reassured the PCC that he would be evaluating the funding received through the Partnership Executive Group (PEG) Innovation Fund to CSE, assessing that it was at an adequate level. The PCC concluded by stating that reports on Safeguarding and CSE should be reviewed at every COM meeting.

#### **Action**

Safeguarding Co-ordinator to work with the force to produce future joint reports to be presented at each COM meeting.

- *ACC Foster left the meeting*
- *Phillip Cross left the meeting*

## 6. Quarterly report in relation to the use of Stop and Search Powers

The PCC received a report of the Chief Constable outlining the current position in relation to the use of stop and search powers. The report outline the progress in relation to ongoing work which included the recent HMIC inspection, and the Home Office Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme.

T/DCC John Robins introduced the report and advised that the district Stop and Search Scrutiny Groups had called Officers to be held to account for their actions during Stop and Searches. Whilst body cams were to be used in scrutinising performance of Officers in relation to Stop and searches, the T/DCC expressed a need to undertake more work in this area.

T/CC Collins informed the PCC that the vast majority of Stop and Searches were now intelligence led and Officers were pro-actively going into high crime areas which would impact Stop and Search figures.

Whilst the use of Stop and Search was disproportionate for white youths it was acknowledged that the perception of the community was that Stop and Search was disproportionate for Black Minority Ethnic (BME) youths. T/DCC felt that more work needed to be undertaken in providing reassurance to the public about the use of Stop and Search.

The PCC welcomed the update and reinforced the need for an intelligence led approach to Stop and search. He expressed concerns with the understanding of complaints in relation to Stop and Search and felt more joint work needed to be undertaken around this area. He also queried the Police.UK website with regards to the number of entries recoded as “unknown” for removal of outer clothing, an issue also raised by the HMIC. T/DCC assured the PCC that the recording system had now been changed.

T/CC Collins advised that new training packages in relation to Stop and Search were being developed and welcomed the PCCs Youth Advisory Group to comment or take part in the training.

The PCC questioned how he could have better oversight of the scrutiny panels and requested further information on the panels. T/DCC Robins agreed to provide the PCC with a report on the Scrutiny Panels outside of COM.

It was agreed that there was a need to develop a mechanism to update the PCC on themes/issues raised at force scrutiny panels.

### **Actions**

- a) For the force and OPCC to work jointly in better understanding complaints raised in relation to the use of Stop and Search.
- b) For T/DCC Robins to provide the PCC with a report on the forces Scrutiny Panels outside of COM.
- c) To develop a process where themes and issues raised at scrutiny panels to be referred to the PCC.
- d) OPCC and CC colleagues to look at the format for future quarterly reports.

➤ *Chief Insp. Melanie Jones left the meeting*

## **7. Quarterly report on complaints against the Police**

A report of the Chief Constable was provided updating on the number of complaints received against the police.

It was agreed that the format of the report needed to be changed to include more narrative. It was also agreed that a private section of the report would need to be included to cover items exempt from press and public. The PCC also requested that future reports contain some information and context with regards to the complaints against the police received by the PCCs Casework Manager.

T/CC Collins informed the meeting that whilst the report highlighted an increase in complaints this was due to the changes in how complaints were recorded.

The PCC welcomed the opportunity to record complaints for discriminatory behaviour allegations and noted that the increase in these types of complaints were mainly due to changes in recording practices after the IPCC's discrimination report published in June 2014. However, the PCC felt more attention should be paid to these types of complaints and requested an evaluation of the reported cases.

The PCC also welcomed the use of Local Resolutions and felt more attention should be given to this approach. It was agreed to continue the pilot of the Service Recovery Team, to enable analysis of resources and the categories of complaints to be undertaken. The findings of the pilot were to be discussed at the Police & Crime Panel in July 2015.

### **Actions**

- a) For further reports to include more narrative, to include the complaints raised against the police which came through the PCCs Casework Manager. OPCC and CC colleagues to work on the format of future reports.
- b) For an evaluation to be undertaken on discriminatory behaviour allegations.

## **8. Issues raised with the Police and Crime Commissioner**

The PCC provided a verbal update on issues raised with the OPCC.

The PCC advised that 435 pieces of casework had been raised with the OPCCs Casework Manager (between 1 Jan 15 – 31 Mar 15), with 53 of those being sent to Police Standards Department (PSD).

The PCC informed the T/CC that speeding was being raised through Casework but also through partners. T/CC acknowledged that this was seen as an issue and encouraged the use of the Community Speed watch programme. T/CC Collins also informed the meeting that ACC Milsom had commissioned a Road Safety Partnership which had increased funding for cameras and high visibility tabards across West Yorkshire. The PCC requested more information on these projects to actively promote it with partners, ensuring that it worked well across all districts.

The PCC highlighted the use of his Help for Victims website and encouraged the awareness raising of the site for victims. It was suggested that call handlers could highlight the SARC self-referral and victim's website to callers. T/CC Collins welcomed the suggestion with T/DCC Robins stating the Help for Victims Website would be revisited with staff. The PCC raised issues around funding cuts, staff morale and police complaints.

**Action**

For the PCC to be provided with an update on the forces Community Speed watch programme and the work of the Road Safety Partnership.

**9. Future agenda items**

The PCC and T/CC agreed to discuss future agenda items outside of the meeting and agreed that it would be beneficial to have as much notice of the items required. It was also felt that it would be good practice to link the agenda items in line with national reporting items and Police and Crime panel agenda items.

**Action**

For future agenda items to be agreed outside of the meeting.

**10. Any other business**

There were no items of any other business raised at the meeting.