



Monthly Assurance Meeting December 2016 – Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday 20th December 2016 @ 10:30

Chair: John Campion

Minutes: Jackie Irvin, Policy Officer, OPCC Venue PCC Conference Room – Hindlip

Name: Capacity:

Attendance: John Campion Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

Tracey Onslow Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner

Anthony Bangham (DPCC)

Chris Singer Chief Constable (CC)

Andy Champness T/Deputy Chief Constable (DCC)

Chief Executive for the PCC (CEx)

Apologies: Tracey Onslow (TO) Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner

(DPCC)

1	OUTSTANDING MATTERS / ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD	
	There were none.	ACTION
2.	OPERATIONAL AND REPUTATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS	
	1. Animal diseases	
	The CC is the National Police Chief Council's (NPCC) lead for animal diseases and had been leading on the police response to the recent bird flu outbreak in Lincolnshire.	
	2. Police pursuit vehicles	
	A police vehicle had been involved in a fatal pursuit. The PCC sought reassurance that the force was using an appropriate vehicle platforms and that officers were being trained on those vehicles.	
	Actions arising:	
	DCC to provide the PCC with an update on the in-car video programme.	DCC
	3. Prison disorder	DCC
	Following the recent disorder at HMP Birmingham, all prisons across the country are being subject to closer monitoring. There are standard contingency plans in place with prisons in West Mercia.	
	Custody cells in West Mercia had been used to accommodate a	

	number of the prisoners following the disturbance. This has not had any adverse effect on the day to day running of custody within the force.	
	4. Serious sexual offence against a child	
	The CC provided an update on the circumstances surrounding this offence.	
	Actions arising:	
	 DCC to provide a report on the findings of the Critical Incident Management Meeting (CIMM) when completed. 	DCC
	 PCC to determine attendance from his office at the CIMM. 	PCC PCC
	 PCC / CC to have a further update at their weekly meeting early in the New Year. 	/CC
	5. Berlin	
	Nationally police forces will be briefed if there are any changes following events in Berlin. If the UK's threat assessment level were to be reviewed upwards then there would be an impact on policing.	
	6. Britain First	
	The DCC provided an update on planning for a forthcoming protest march being organised by Britain First in Telford in February 2017.	
3.	CHIEF OFFICER MEETING / EXECUTIVE BOARD – UPDATE	
J.	Strategic Vulnerability Strategy – this had been agreed by chief officers	
	at their meeting and would be submitted for approval to December's Alliance Governance Group.	
4.	HOLDING TO ACCOUNT:	
4a	PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN:	
	No items on the agenda.	
4b	DELIVERY OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:	
	South Worcestershire was selected to pilot the Joint Policing Panel (JPP) advocated within the Government's Serious and Organised Crime Strategy. What are the outcomes from the pilot and what progress has been made in developing a West Mercia wide approach?	
	Action arising:	00
	This item to be deferred until the next meeting.	CC
4c	HMIC INSPECTION PROGRAMME / MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SERVICE IMPROVEMENT BOARD (SIB)	
	 In May 2016 it was stated that a reduction in crime recording compliance with certain crime types had occurred and that quality assurance work was ongoing. Please provide an update on the current compliance levels and preparedness for any unannounced crime data integrity inspection. 	
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- Compliance levels have risen from 75% in May to 90% in October.
- The force has been in contact with both Staffordshire and North Wales Police as both have been re-inspected.
- A further self assessment will be completed prior to the unannounced inspection.
- West Mercia and Warwickshire will be inspected jointly.
- HMIC's assessment level to achieve a good rating in the re inspection is 95% and most forces who have been re-inspected so far have failed to achieve this. The 95% rate is being challenged at a national level.

Actions arising

There were no actions arising.

2. Last week HMIC published findings its PEEL Legitimacy and PEEL Leadership inspections. There were 3 areas for improvement (afi) arising in each report. What assurance can the CC give that each of the afi identified will be addressed?

The CC confirmed that all of the areas for improvement were being looked at and that planned activity was in place to address the areas identified. The one exception being the provision of a monitoring system for IT systems. To avoid potentially wasted expenditure, the Athena system needs to be launched first. The PCC supports the force position on this.

Actions arising

There were no actions arising.

5. AOB:

Serious and Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) Investigations – Part of the force's SOCU have been transferred to the Regional Organised Crime Unit. The PCC was provided with reassurance that the force was getting value for money and a proportionate use of resources.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

10:30 on Tuesday 31 January 2017

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