

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH

Date: Friday, 31st January, 2014

Time: 2.00 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Questions from Members of the Public.
5. Minutes of the Previous Meetings held on 2nd December, 2013 (herewith) (Pages 1 - 10)
6. Precept Proposal for the Year to 31st March, 2015 (report herewith) (Pages 11 - 18)
7. Website (report herewith) (Pages 19 - 24)
8. Draft Work Programme (report herewith) (Pages 25 - 27)
9. Update on the Handling of Complaints (report herewith) (Pages 28 - 30)
10. Dates and Times of Future Meetings.

**POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
2nd December, 2013**

Present:-

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council:-

Councillor R. Sixsmith

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council:-

Councillor J. Akhtar

Councillor T. Sharman

Sheffield City Council:-

Councillor R. Davison

Councillor H. Harpham

Councillor T. Hussain

Co-opted Member:-

Mr. A. Carter

Apologies for Absence were received from:-

Councillor M. Dyson (Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council)

Mayor R. Jones (Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council).

Councillor P. Bartlett (Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council).

Mr. K. Walayat, Co-opted Member.

J16. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved:- That Councillor Harry Harpham be elected Chairman of the Police and Crime Panel for the remaining part of the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

(Councillor Harpham in the Chair)

Councillor Harpham wished to thank Councillor Mirfin-Boukouris for her work and the breadth of experience she brought to the Panel.

J17. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public referred to the lack of road safety measures in the Police and Crime Plan and asked now A.C.P.O. had recently issued revised guidelines to all Police Forces, how would this influence the Police and Crime Plan for South Yorkshire?

The Chairman confirmed that this was not a question for the Police and Crime Panel to answer, but on this occasion this had been forwarded to the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner who would issue the response.

J18. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd September, 2013.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd September, 2013 be agreed as a true record.

J19. CENTRE FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY SUPPORT SESSION - 18TH NOVEMBER, 2013

Further to Minute No. J13 (Introduction of the CFPS Expert Adviser) consideration was given to a report presented by Deborah Fellowes, Scrutiny Manager, which provided the Panel with a summary of key issues arising from the support session, facilitated by the Centre for Public Scrutiny, held on 18th November, 2013.

The session addressed a number of issues, which included:-

- Scrutiny of budgets was important and needed to be more detailed by the Panel. This would require earlier and regular sight of information from the Police and Crime Commissioner and access to financial/accountancy advice by the Panel.
- Performance management still needed to improve. The Panel would like to develop a performance management framework with the Police and Crime Commissioner. This would include clear, measurable targets, including targets from the District Community Safety Partnerships.
- To request a breakdown of information by Local Authority from the Police and Crime Commissioner, for example, the number of Police Officers in each and movement between them.
- Support for the Panel was important, in addition to the finance issue. Other areas identified included understanding of the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner, partnerships to work with (Community Safety Partnerships, Local Authority Scrutiny panels and the Criminal Justice Board).
- Task and Finish Groups should be established to facilitate this inter-agency working and sharing of information. It was suggested that this could be piloted with Domestic Abuse.
- A clear understanding of roles and responsibilities between the partners was required and agreed through protocols.
- Local Authority Scrutiny Panels should share work programmes with the Police and Crime Panel to help with the development of South Yorkshire wide priorities

- The Panel needed a work plan based on the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan.
- Pre-meetings, briefings and triangulation of information should be used to make meetings more effective.

Moving forward from the development session a number of next steps were proposed. These included:-

- A request to the Police and Crime Commissioner for timely and regular financial information, including early discussions around the proposed precept
- Setting up of a task and finish group to look at a performance management framework for the Police and Crime Commissioner. Officer support from both the Panel's and the Commissioner's perspective to be incorporated.
- Information sheets on key partner agencies to be provided (Jo Sykes already actioning)
- Establishment of a Task and Finish Group to look at Domestic Abuse.
- Development of protocols in conjunction with the Commissioner, Community Safety Partnerships, Local Authority Scrutiny Panels and Criminal Justice Board
- Development and approval of a work plan. First draft to be available for the meeting.

Those that attended from the Panel found the event a source of valuable information and believed that it enriched their knowledge going forward.

It was suggested that Task and Finish Groups be set up and nominations be sought accordingly.

Resolved:- (1) That the key issues as summarised in this report be noted.

(2) That the next steps for the Panel as set out in the report be approved.

(3) That volunteers be sought for a Task and Finish Group to look at Domestic Abuse.

J20. UPDATE ON THE OPERATION OF THE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Consideration was given to a report presented by Stuart Fletcher, Deputy Monitoring Officer, which provided an update for the Panel with regard to the nature and level of complaints received and to consider the operation of the complaints procedure.

There have been a total of ten complaints received. Those complaints have been processed with:-

- One being considered by the Panel.
- Four not proceeded with (decision of the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- Two not accepted as falling within the Complaints Procedure.
- One considered by a Sub-Committee of the Panel
- One referred to the Independent Complaints Commission.
- One still under consideration.

The details of all of the complaints, other than the one currently being considered, have been reported to the Panel.

At its meeting of the 28th January, 2013, the Panel agreed to review its Complaints Procedure after its initial period of operation, which had been drafted in accordance with the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012. To ensure the appropriate balance of the proper overview of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the consideration of only those matters which were of sufficient significance to be resolved by the Panel, the following minor amendments (in bold) were suggested to the Complaints Procedure, which would assist with the proper administration:-

“Circumstances when the Panel does not need to deal with a complaint

22. The Monitoring Officer can decide, having consulted the Chair and Vice Chair, not to refer the complaint for resolution, or to take no action at all, in the following circumstances:-
 - A complaint by a member of the Commissioner’s staff, arising from their work
 - A complaint that is more than 12 months old where there is no good reason for the delay or the delay would be likely to cause injustice
 - A complaint about conduct that is already the subject of another complaint
 - An anonymous complaint
 - A complaint which is vexatious, oppressive, trivial or otherwise an abuse of process for dealing with complaints
 - A repetitious complaint
 - A premature complaint
23. The complainant will be notified if the decision is taken not to deal with a complaint.”

Resolved:- (1) That the update regarding the operation of the Complaints Procedure be noted.

(2) That the amendments to the Complaints Procedure, as proposed, be approved.

J21. POLICING IN AUSTERITY: RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

Further to Minute No. J11 of the meeting of the Panel held on 2nd September, 2013, consideration was given to a report presented by Shaun Wright, the Police and Crime Commissioner, which provided the Panel with information in relation to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) report "Policing in Austerity: Rising to the Challenge" and the response by the Police and Crime Commissioner to the South Yorkshire Police's response to the funding challenge report.

In October 2010, the Government announced that central funding to the Police Service in England and Wales would reduce by 20% in the four years between March, 2011 and March, 2015.

HMIC's Valuing the Police Programme had tracked how forces were planning to make savings to meet this budget demand each year since the Summer of 2011. The South Yorkshire Police's response to the funding challenge report, published in July, 2013, identified what HMIC found in the third year.

The inspection focused on three questions:-

1. How is the force responding to the budget reduction?
2. What is the impact for the workforce and the public?
3. How is the force managing current and future risks?

To answer these questions, HMIC collected data and plans from forces, surveyed the public to see if they had noticed any changes in the service they received from the Police as a result of the cuts and conducted in-force inspections. HMIC also interviewed the Chief Constable, Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Officer Leads for finance, change, human resources and performance in each force as well as holding focus groups with staff and other officers.

The Police and Crime Commissioner reported that South Yorkshire Police faced a more difficult challenge than some other forces. Although spending on policing was lower than in most forces and staff costs higher, South Yorkshire had not embraced the level of change or achieved the savings seen elsewhere.

The Force still had £9.6m to find by March, 2015, but the HMIC had expressed concern that this outstanding financial gap meant that South Yorkshire Police would find it very hard to make any further savings required in the future.

South Yorkshire Police had identified that it needed to save £49.3m over the four years of the spending) and had planned how it would save £39.6m.

To reduce its expenditure South Yorkshire Police planned to reduce Police Officer numbers by limiting recruitment and holding vacancies as it was planned there would be 256 fewer Police Officers in the South Yorkshire Police. This meant the number of Police Officers was planned to reduce by 9% between March, 2013 and March, 2015.

The force had also made some Police staff redundant and not replaced others as they have left (e.g. through retirements and resignations); as a result, by the end of the spending review period, it was planned there would be 555 fewer Police staff in the South Yorkshire Police.

It was noted that HMIC expected forces to make savings without damaging the service provided to the public. This was being monitored by the examination of crime rates and the results of the victim satisfaction surveys which all forces conduct.

A number of options were being explored, such as shared I.T., fleet and facilities management, raising the precept and looking to volunteers for assistance.

Unfortunately, the force also faced the additional financial challenges and special circumstances posed by Hillsborough over the next few years. Unless these significant costs were supported by the Home Office, it was likely the impact on the public of South Yorkshire would be even more severe than that already highlighted.

Detailed discussions with the Chief Constable and his Command Team colleagues were ongoing with a view to addressing cost reduction requirements for 2014/15 and establishing a 'strategic vision' to guide budget and resourcing considerations in the medium term.

These matters would be the subject of further reports to the Panel in due course.

Discussion ensued and the Panel asked a number of questions relating to:-

- The use of organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch and other partners and the plans to increase the number of volunteers.
- Collaborations with other forces, such as Humberside.
- The use of legal aid for ex-Police Officers.
- Indemnity Insurance.
- Numbers of Police Community Support Officers and the plans for these to increase.

The Police and Crime Commissioner referred to the importance of such organisations and the framework of volunteers accessed by the Police. He also made reference to the plans to release officers under voluntary early retirement options and the reductions in the road safety figures.

It was also noted that discussions with other Police Forces had been undertaken, but there was no intention to make the Police Service nationally run.

In terms of Hillsborough and the legal aid for ex-Police Officers it was thought any advice should be paid for. The insurance previously held by the Police for any indemnity had since expired and there were no plans for this to be renewed.

In terms of the Police Community Support Officers it was noted that there were roughly around 1,000 Police Officers to be lost over the next three years, so how this differentiated into positions was yet to be determined.

Resolved:- That the report be received and the contents noted.

J22. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS: REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE

Further to Minute No. J12 of the meeting of the Panel held on 2nd September, 2013, consideration was given to a report presented by Shaun Wright, the Police and Crime Commissioner, which provided the Panel with a progress update in relation to the report of the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee on Police and Crime Commissioners' Register of Interests.

The aim of the report was to show that regular, national comparisons were important for public confidence and draw together the first register of Police and Crime Commissioners' interests.

The report considered the following areas:-

- The Scrutiny of Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs).
- Who are the Police and Crime Commissioners .
- Salaries and Offices.
- Police and Crime Commissioners Profile.

The Panel were informed that Police and Crime Commissioners were required to publish the information that they considered necessary to enable the local public to assess their performance and that of the Chief Constable. In addition, they were required to publish particular information specified by the Home Secretary in regulations issued under Section 11 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act, 2011. The current regulations were the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specific Information) Order 2011.

The report identified that on 19th April, 2013 only ten Police and Crime Commissioners had met their statutory obligations and published the full financial data required (South Yorkshire was not included in this list). However, it was acknowledged that this was rectified before 3rd May, 2013.

The full financial data was published on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website on 26th April, 2013. The Commissioner was also compliant with the requirements of the Specified Information Order.

The report identified the staff in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) along with the salaries of their deputies and senior staff members.

It identified that the overall force budget for South Yorkshire was (£m) 252,728,773 with the budget for 2013/14 for the South Yorkshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner being (£m) 3,144,717. The percentage of the budget utilised by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in South Yorkshire was 1.24%.

The House of Commons Committee also identified the force areas where the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner budget was more than the Police Authority budget 2012/13 and South Yorkshire was included in this list.

On 22nd May, 2013 the Commissioner wrote to the Home Affairs Committee clarifying the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner budget for 2013/14 as being £2.035m, which was marginally below the equivalent budget for the former Police Authority.

On the day the report was published the Commissioner also issued a press release which stated that the report was incorrect and that his office was not given the opportunity to validate the figures prior to the report being published.

A detailed analysis of the errors in the Report was sent to appropriate officials by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and subsequently published on the Select Committee's website.

Resolved:- That the report be received and the contents noted.

J23.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- that the next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel take place on Monday, 20th January, 2014 at the slightly earlier time of 12.00 Noon.

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
2nd December, 2013

Present:-

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J24. CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Head of Human Resources and Business Support of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, which detailed under Schedule 1, Paragraph 6(a), of the Act, how the Police and Crime Commissioner must notify the Police and Crime Panel of his proposed appointment to the post of 'Head of the Commissioner's Staff' (referred to in this Part as the Commissioner's Chief Executive).

The Police and Crime Commissioner introduced Ms. Michelle BATTERY to the Panel and outlined that he considered she had suitable experience and understanding of the community of South Yorkshire and the role of Chief Executive and Solicitor to which it was proposed she be appointed.

The Panel asked a range of questions and listened carefully to the answers provided by Ms. Buttery before coming to a decision.

Resolved:- That the proposed appointment of Ms. Michelle Buttery as Chief Executive and Solicitor for South Yorkshire be approved.

REPORT TO SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

1	Meeting:	SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
2	Date:	31 JANUARY 2014
3	Title:	PRECEPT PROPOSAL FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2015
4	Organisation:	POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

5 Background and Summary of Proposal

- 5.1 The Police and Crime Panels (Precepts and Chief Constable's Appointments) Regulations 2012 require that The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) shall comply with the duty under paragraph 2 of schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, to notify the Panel of the proposed precept by 1st February of the relevant financial year.
- 5.2 The Government's 2014/15 Referendum Criteria are yet to be announced and the proposal presented in this Report is consequently provisional and assumes that there will be a 2% limit on PCC Precept increases. However, in the event that a higher limit is imposed, the Panel's agreement to a higher Precept increase (max 2.9%; equivalent to £4.13 per annum/8p per week) will be sought in order to accelerate the planned investment in the Protection of Vulnerable People. If on the other hand the limit is set at a level below the 2% assumption, further net cost reductions will be identified in order to protect the proposed investment in that important area of activity.
- 5.3 The provisional proposal is that the precept for 2014/15 be set at a level which increases the annual Band D Council Tax amount by 2%, equivalent to an annual increase of £2.85 (6p per week).
- 5.4 Needless to say, there are several factors which have been taken into account in reaching this position including:
- the likelihood of future Grant reductions
 - an on-going determination to reduce crime levels and maintain/increase Policing visibility
 - the need to dedicate additional resources to particular specialist areas
 - a continuing commitment to invest in Reducing Re-offending; Restorative Justice, Victim Support and Community Safety Initiatives.
 - an increased commitment to the protection of vulnerable people.

- 5.5 The general question of 'affordability' has also played into the proposal and in particular the impact on Council Tax payers of increasing the precept by the proposed amount.
- 5.6 The provisional proposal for 2014/15 is that the Precept be increased by £2.85 at Band D. Further detail on the impact of this is set out below:

	Current (2013/14) Precept		Proposed increase Weekly	2014/15 Proposal	
	Annual £	Weekly		Annual	Weekly
Band A	95.03	1.82	4p	96.93	1.86
Band B	110.87	2.13	4p	113.09	2.17
Band C	126.71	2.43	5p	129.24	2.48
Band D	142.55	2.74	6p	145.40	2.80
Band E	174.23	3.35	7p	177.71	3.42
Band F	205.91	3.96	8p	210.03	4.04
Band G	237.58	4.57	9p	242.33	4.66
Band H	285.10	5.48	11p	290.80	5.59

6. Recommendation

It is recommended that:-

- (i) In the event that the maximum Precept increase for PCCs is 2% the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel gives consideration to the proposals within this paper and supports the proposed precept increase for 2014/15 at £2.85 per annum (Band D);
- (ii) In the event that the maximum Precept increase for PCCs is greater than 2% the Panel considers an alternative proposal involving an increase of more than 2% (max 2.9%) with the additional income (max £400k approx.) being matched by an increased investment to accelerate new activity in the Protection of Vulnerable People.
- (iii) In the event that the maximum Precept increase for PCCs is below the current 2% assumption the Panel gives consideration to a Precept increase at that maximum level with the reduced income being matched by net cost reductions not affecting the proposed South Yorkshire Police Budget for 2014/15.

7. National context/issues

- 7.1 As expected the level of Grant from Central Government has been further reduced. On a like for like comparison this reduction amounts to £9.4m (4.5%) for 2014/15. Approximately £3m of which results from a 'top slicing' of the National Police Grant to fund National initiatives, including £50m to establish a 'Police Innovation Fund'; £18m to build up the capacity of the IPCC; £9m to increase the frequency of HMIC inspections; £3m for the College of Policing and £2m for the National Police Co-ordination Centre.
- 7.2 The reduction also takes account of the discontinuation of the Community Safety Fund (£3.2m in SY for 2013/14) which is now deemed to be part of the main Police Grant. The current intention is to continue with Community Safety funding in South Yorkshire in 2014/15 at broadly the same level as in 2013/14.
- 7.3 It is also worthy of note that the Government appears to remain committed to a Police Funding Review. The possibility that such a Review will produce a detrimental outcome in respect of South Yorkshire has been factored into the consideration of Reserves and the strategy for their future use.
- 7.4 Pending the outcome of any Funding Review and using available Home Office indications including the prospect of greater 'top slicing' it is currently assumed that Grant will reduce by a further £10m in 2015/16.

8. South Yorkshire Police

- 8.1 The precept proposal is predicated on a 2014/15 budget allocation to the Chief Constable of £243.725m, some £4.264m of which will be funded from Specific Grants and Contributions initially payable to the PCC leaving a Force net budget requirement of £239.461m.
- 8.2 Importantly, this budget allocation provides funding for the Chief Constable to continue to maintain PCSO numbers at the current level of 328 and also to increase the capacity within the Force to respond to emerging Crime types with a particular emphasis on Public Protection issues. In particular the proposal allocates more than £2m for additional activity in this area with an intention to increase this further in 2015/16. Furthermore, if the Precept rules allow a higher increase this would be used to accelerate this proposal in 2014/15.
- 8.3 The additional efficiency savings target which was allocated to the Force for 2013/14 is on course to be successfully delivered. It is not proposed to impose any further efficiency target for 2014/15, although an overtime reduction target (to align South Yorkshire's overtime spending with that of its 'Most Similar Group' of Forces) has been agreed with the Chief Constable.

- 8.4 In addition, the Force has been asked to seek to accommodate the costs of any necessary Voluntary Early Retirements/Redundancies within the budget amount allocated for 2014/15.

9. Other Budgets

For 2013/14 the overall PCC budget was set at the same level as had been in place for the former Police Authority in 2012/13. For 2014/15 it is intended to seek to operate within a reduced level of budget including a budget for the 'Office of the PCC' which is reduced broadly in line with the 2014/15 reduction applicable to the Force (Summary details at Appendix 1).

Other Budgetary/Funding issues

10. Allocations to Partners

- 10.1 The Panel will recall that an integral part of the 2013/14 budget decision was the allocation of £4.5m (over 3 years) from Reserves to Partner Organisations to fund their priority initiatives. 2014/15 will be the second year of this 3 year funding plan. The funding allocations underpinning that budgetary decision are attached for information at Appendix 3.

- 10.2 Also, as mentioned at paragraph 7.2, in spite of the Government removing specific funding for Community Safety activities (the Community Safety Fund), the intention is to continue the funding of such activities at the broadly the same level in 2014/15.

11. Reserves Strategy

- 11.1 The main points for noting with regard to this position can be summarised as follows. A minimum working balance has been set aside for unforeseen/unquantifiable threats and/or events. Significant earmarking/commitment of Reserves has now been attached to a number of capital projects which will produce future revenue savings and avoid additional capital financing charges. A further amount is provisionally earmarked to provide future support to the Force budget to allow effective and well planned responses to further grant reductions with a particular emphasis on minimising impacts on front-line policing.

12. Risks and Uncertainties

- 12.1 Recognising the extent of the continuing budgetary challenge the intention is to carry out a regular review of the 2014/15 Force funding level with a particular focus on any impact which it may be having on Force performance.
- 12.2 There are without doubt a number of risks and uncertainties attached to the Reserves Strategy and these will be kept under constant review as potential risks and their implications become clearer over time.

12.3 As mentioned in Section 7 the risk of the Police Funding Review producing negative outcomes for South Yorkshire has also been noted.

Background Papers and Consultation

- Appendix 1 Summary 2014/15 Budget Proposal
- Appendix 2 PCC Distribution Plan
- Appendix 3 Specific Funding Streams

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APPENDIX 12014/15 PCC PROPOSED BUDGET – SUMMARY

	2013/14 APPROVED £M	2014/15 PROPOSED £M
Force budget	245.758	239.461
Other Budgets (see below)	<u>10.806</u>	<u>9.338</u>
	<u>256.564</u>	<u>248.799</u>
Government Grant	208.998	199.587
Precept income (£145.40 Band D)	45.752	46.680
Increase in Council Tax Base		0.625
Collection Fund Surplus	<u>0.314</u>	<u>0.407</u>
	255.064	247.299
Use of Reserves	1.500	1.500
	<u>256.564</u>	<u>248.799</u>
 <u>Other Budgets</u>		
<u>Commissioning and Partnership activities</u>	4.866	5.114
<u>Capital Financing/Insurance costs</u>	3.905	2.230
<u>Office of the PCC</u>	<u>2.035</u>	<u>1.994</u>
	<u>10.806</u>	<u>9.338</u>

PCC DISTRIBUTION PLAN

	2013/14 £M	2014/15 £M	2015/16 £M	3 Year Total £M
<u>SY Probation Trust</u>				
- Re-offending	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.750
- Restorative Justice	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.450
<u>SY Victim Support</u>	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.300
<u>Community Grants Scheme</u>	0.166	0.166	0.168	0.500
<u>Sheffield CC (Community Safety Initiatives)</u>	0.333	0.333	0.334	1.000
<u>Doncaster MBC (Community Safety Initiatives)</u>	0.167	0.167	0.166	0.500
<u>Rotherham MBC (Community Safety Initiatives)</u>	0.167	0.167	0.166	0.500
<u>Barnsley BMC (Community Safety Initiatives)</u>	<u>0.167</u>	<u>0.167</u>	<u>0.166</u>	<u>0.500</u>
	1.500	1.500	1.500	4.500

SPECIFIC FUNDING STREAMS
(SUBJECT TO REVIEW/CONFIRMATION)

	INDICATIVE (CURRENT) £M
Dedicated security posts	0.770
“Prevent” posts	0.341
“Prevent” channel	0.072
Local Criminal Justice Board	0.035
Prisons Intelligence	0.115
Safety Camera Partnership	1.310
Barnsley Estates Action Team	0.233
Safe Transport Officer	0.032
Meadowhall	0.080
Barnsley PCSOs	0.272
Sheffield PCSOs	0.311
Disclosure and Barring	0.458
CTSA	0.099
MARAC Co-ordinator	0.030
Countywide Road Safety Officers	0.054
Lifewise Contribution	0.052
	<u>4.264</u>

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1. Meeting:	South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel
2. Date:	31st January 2014
3. Title:	Website
4. Organisation:	RMBC – Host Authority

5. Summary

This report provides members of the Panel with a summary of the main options with regard to developing a more effective website presence for the PCP, as part of its approach to increase public engagement in its work.

6. Recommendations

That the Panel:

- **Notes the key issues as summarised in this report**
- **Considers and agrees the next steps for the Panel.**

7. Proposals and details

At the early stages of formation of the Panel discussions took place about the role of the PCP in terms of community engagement and how the website could be used to assist with this. In a report dated 19th December, it was noted that whilst it is not a statutory requirement of the PCP to carry out direct community and victim consultation, it was felt that the panel needed to be aware of wider issues and priorities within the community. It was also agreed that ways of making the workings of the panel more transparent and accountable via community engagement needed to be explored.

It was agreed that whilst the panel was becoming established, developing its ways of working and becoming familiar with its duties and responsibilities, there was little to be gained from seeking community engagement in its formal meetings. It was concluded that the best opportunities to promote its work to the general public were through mechanisms such as its website. The current website for the panel is a page within the RMBC website, with limited information about the panel. The purpose of this paper is to identify the main options with regard to the ongoing development of the web pages for the PCP.

There are two main options available:

1. To further develop the web page on the RMBC website. RMBC's website is currently undergoing reconstruction, with the new version due to go live in March 2014. The timing is right, therefore, to look at making more effective use of the webpage in terms of informing the general public in the work of the PCP and generating community engagement. Under the new website, there will be the ability to generate community discussions about specific issues and to provide a more interactive tool around current issues for the PCP. This will prove more useful as the Panel considers and starts to deliver on its new work programme. The new website will be corporately branded and it would therefore be very much a part of the Rotherham website and will be clearly identifiable as such. This may be perceived as a difficulty, as the other local authorities may prefer to see something which is more independent and is branded across all four of them. There will be some scope to change colours etc, but it will be limited within the new corporate brand. The advantage of this model is that it will be supported, free of charge, by the IT support team in RMBC, including any changes, updates and further development that is required of the page.

2. To create a "galaxy" web page; effectively a web site within the RMBC web site. This will be able to achieve all of the above but would also allow more of a distinct identity to be created for the panel and can be linked to all of the other local authorities' websites. In terms of ability to engage the public across the whole of South Yorkshire this would clearly have an advantage over option 1, however, the issue that would need to be considered would be resourcing. With option 2 the galaxy site owner needs to make provision for support – editing, policing etc.. – as this would not be provided by the IT support team within RMBC. This would have to be funded by the PCP themselves.

Members of the Panel are therefore asked to consider which option they would like officers to pursue.

8. Finance

There are financial implications associated with option 2 in the paper.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

These are outlined under each of the options in section 7.

10. Background Papers and Consultation

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Making sure that children and young people across Rotherham are safe and well is something which is the responsibility of every single person who lives and works in the Borough.

The Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board (RLSCB) is a statutory body which aims to ensure the effectiveness of all work done to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in Rotherham.

All the members of the Board are senior managers in their agencies which include statutory, community, voluntary and faith organisations. You can view a full list of the agencies on the Rotherham Safeguarding Children Board. It has an independent chair Alan Hazell who has many years experience of working in children's services.

Child sexual exploitation

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If you're a young person it can be difficult to spot the warning signs as you believe you're in a positive relationship with someone.

As a parent or carer, you have an important role to play in protecting your children from exploitation.

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Help is available

If it's an emergency ring 999
 If you have concerns regarding children in Rotherham 01709 823987 or Childline on 0800 1111.
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SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1. Meeting:	South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel
2. Date:	31st January 2014
3. Title:	Draft Work Programme
4. Organisation:	RMBC – Host Authority

5. Summary

This report provides members of the Panel with a draft work programme for their consideration, in light of decisions taken at the last meeting in December 2013.

6. Recommendations

That the Panel:

- **Considers and approves the draft work plan attached as Appendix A.**

7. Proposals and details

At its meeting on the 2nd December 2013, the Panel received a full report from its development session held in November. At this meeting the following next steps were agreed:

- Make a request to the Police and Crime Commissioner for timely and regular financial information, including early discussions around the proposed precept
- Set up a task and finish group to look at a performance management framework for the Police and Crime Commissioner. Officer support from both the panel's and the commissioner's perspective to be incorporated.
- Information sheets on key partner agencies to be provided (Jo Sykes already actioning)
- Consider also establishing a task and finish group to look at Domestic Abuse.
- Development of protocols in conjunction with the Commissioner, Community Safety Partnerships, Local Authority Scrutiny Panels and Criminal Justice Board
- Development and approval of a work plan.

The first draft of the work plan, as agreed, is attached as Appendix A to this report. Members of the Panel are requested to consider this and, subject to any agreed changes, approve it.

The information sheets will be circulated separately to Panel members.

8. Finance

Resourcing of the work plan will be required in the form of officer time and support and will come from various disciplines within the four local authorities, as agreed at the meeting in December 2013.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The work plan will need to be flexible enough to be able to respond to changing circumstances as and when they occur.

10. Background Papers and Consultation

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Appendix A:
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel – draft work programme 2014/15

Date	Meeting/Activity
March 31 st 2014	PCP meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing information with LA Scrutiny Chairs/ Protocols and joint working • Developing sub regional priorities • PCC response to HMIC report on CSE Scrutiny Chairs to be invited.
March – June 2014	Task and Finish Group – Performance Management Framework for the Police and Crime Plan
June 2014	PCP Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCC Annual Report • Report back from PMF Task and Finish Group
June – September 2014	Task and Finish Group – Domestic Abuse
September 2014	PCP Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCC Finance Report • Report back from Domestic Abuse Task and Finish Group
December 2014	PCP Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCP community engagement report
January 2015	PCP Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget and precept

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel
2.	Date:	31st January 2014
3.	Title:	Update on the Handling of Complaints
4.	Officer and Organisation:	Monitoring Officer, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council – Host Authority

5. Summary

To update the Panel with regard to the nature and level of complaints that have been received and the action taken.

6. Recommendations

That the Panel notes the level of complaints and how they have been considered.

7. Information and Analysis

The following complaints have been received:-

- A complaint that the Police and Crime Commissioner had failed to act in relation to a complaint that had been referred to him and complaints in respect of two members of the staff of the Police and Crime Commissioner

As the complaint against the Police and Crime Commissioner related to the administration of justice, which is not a matter for which the Police and Crime Commissioner has responsibility, it was determined by the Monitoring Officer that the complaint did not fall within the Panel's complaints procedure.

With regard to the complaints relating to the Police and Crime Commissioner's staff, these are not matters that fall to be considered by the Panel and the complainant was referred to the procedures operated by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Monitoring Officer consulted the Chair and the Deputy Chair regarding these matters, who both endorsed the proposed course of action.

- A complaint that the Police and Crime Commissioner has been derogatory in his public comments regarding South Yorkshire Police officers.

The complaint was considered by the Monitoring Officer to be a personal comment which did not fall to be considered under the complaints procedure. The Deputy Chair was consulted and agreed with the proposed course of action. The Chair was not consulted as this complaint was dealt with in the period between Cllr Murfin-Boukouris resigning as Chair and Cllr Harpham being appointed.

- Two further complaints have been received, neither of which had any supporting evidence. Whilst extensive detail is not required it is the responsibility of complainants to provide sufficient information to enable a preliminary consideration of the complaint to be undertaken. The Panel has no power to conduct its own investigation.

This position has been explained to the complainants who may, if they wish, submit further details.

8. Finance

None

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None

10. Background Papers and Consultation

Files held by the Monitoring Officer.

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