

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE
PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE BOARD
THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2024**

Present:	John Tizard, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)
	Trevor Rodenhurst, Chief Constable (CC)
	Dan Vajzovic, Deputy Chief Constable – Police Service (DCC)
	John Murphy, Assistant Chief Constable – Police Service (ACC)
	Phil Wells, Chief Finance Officer – Police Service / OPCC (CFO)
	Wayne Humberstone, A/CEO – OPCC (CEO)
Also Present:	Katie Beaumont, Head of Governance and Transparency - OPCC (KB) Samantha Denness, Performance and Accountability Manager – OPCC (SD) - Online

Part 1 – Papers to be published

Agenda Item		Action
ITEM 1	<i>Chairs opening remarks</i>	
Welcome	PCC welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Minutes of meeting held and for agreement and matters arising	PCC reminded the CC of the format he wishes to see moving forward albeit recognised that it was only 3 weeks since the Board last met and through discussion agreed that the performance framework for the delivery of the new Police and Crime Plan would be dictate how the CC reported to this Board moving forward. Apologies: ACC	
ITEM 2	2.1 Actions from previous meetings	
Actions	Minutes from the 3 June meeting were agreed as accurate. No matters arising. No actions for this meeting.	

	<p>2.2 Information Document for Publication</p>	
<p>ITEM 3 Performance</p>	<p>3.1 Spotlight Report – transparency and open communication</p> <p>DCC referred to PCP priority 6 Spotlight Report (previously discussed at the Joint Audit Committee (JAC) at which the PCC was present.</p> <p>As part of the discussions on the report the PCC requested that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CC and himself are joined up in relation to community engagement in the development of his plan; • That the CC considers the different scrutiny panels in operation to ensure that the make-up of the panels are representative, that there is no duplication and that the findings of the panels and the learning taken are reported into the Board once or twice a year. <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the report be noted and the CC consider PCC’s requests above.</p>	
<p><i>Part 2 – Restricted</i></p>		
<p>ITEM 4 Performance</p>	<p>4.1 Crime performance figures with restricted detail</p> <p>The DCC provided an overview of the performance pack included on the agenda. In doing so he drew out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime recording for the All Crime category has increased when compared to this time last year. However, Bedfordshire is the 13th safest county in the country. The majority of the increase related to volume crime for 24/25 for which some large events, both one-off and extraordinary, played a part such as Radio One’s Big Weekend, the Euros and Carnivals. <p>There is an upward trend in reporting Rape, Hate Crimes, CSE online, Theft of Motor vehicles, and Public Order crimes over the past 12 months to May 24. This also shows greater confidence in the reporting of such crimes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The solved crime rate for Bedfordshire is currently at 11.4% - solved crime with the national average currently sitting at 13.5%. However, both of these are a 12 month rolling average and Bedfordshire is seeing a month by month increase and were currently at 14%. 	

	<p>The PCC sought more information on statistics with previous years (month by month); and that the national comparisons are not absolutes but provide a trigger for further enquiry.</p> <p>The PCC thanked the DCC for the report and overview and asked for a greater understanding of the solved crime rate for different crime types and their comparisons with other Police Services nationally.</p> <p>The PCC sought more information regarding the annual demand, planning in advance and to see how 2024 compares with previous years.</p> <p>He also asked for assurance in relation to the expected summer demand and the CC and DCC explained the plan for the coming months.</p> <p>The PCC also took assurance that the CC was focusing his improvement in the right areas and that resources were being allocated appropriately but asked that the CC focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the number of outstanding suspects; • Reducing the response time to those incidents requiring an immediate response; and • How the summer policing demand can be met in future years on a more sustainable footing. <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the report be noted and in doing so the CC pay attention to the areas highlighted above by the PCC.</p>	
	<p>4.1 Risk (Change in risk OPCC and the Police Service)</p> <p>The CFO explained that both Risk Registers of the OPCC and Police Service had recently been discussed at the Joint Audit Committee and that both risk registers would need to be reviewed in light of the new Police and Crime Plan when published.</p> <p>He also explained that the refresh of the registers would also need to reflect the outcome of the General Election on the 4th July.</p> <p>He also provided assurance to the PCC that despite the National Black Police Association withdrawing its support to the NPCC on the delivery of the National Race Action Plan that this hasn't changed the importance that Bedfordshire continues to place on the work it will continue to do on the delivery of Improving Policing for Black People in Bedfordshire.</p> <p>Resolved</p>	

	That the verbal update by the CFO be noted.	
ITEM 5 Collaboration	5.1 Collaboration Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Joint Protective Services (JPS) – Quarterly Update</i> - <i>Eastern Region Serious Organised Crime (ERSOU) – Quarterly Update</i> - <i>BCH Functions (PSD / HR / etc) – Quarterly Updates</i> <p><i>All to be presented at July 2024 Meeting</i></p>	
ITEM 6 Complaints	6.1: Chief Constable Complaints No complaints were raised.	
	6.2: Reviews	
ITEM 7 Quarterly Reporting Efficiency	7.1 Budget / Efficiency The CFO presented the revised capital programme taking account of the final outturn reported to the previous Board in early June. Resolved That the revised Capital Programme was approved.	
ITEM 8 AOB	Reflection PCC thanked the CC and his team for the open discussions and reminded them of the timescales for the Police and Crime Plan and the evolution of this meeting to fit with that Plan. CEO also thanked the Force Executive for extending the invite to the OPCC to Bedfordshire Police Service’s Vision Days and that they found them very informative.	

Next Meeting: 23 July 2024