

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE BOARD
THURSDAY 29 AUGUST 2024**

Present:
John Tizard, Police and Crime Commissioner (JT) - PCCO
Trevor Rodenhurst, Chief Constable (TR) – Police Service
In Attendance:
John Murphy, Assistant Chief Constable – Police Service (JM)
Phil Wells, Chief Finance Officer – Police Service/OPCC (PW)
Fiona Dawson, Staff Officer – Police Service (FD)
Wayne Humberstone, A/CEO – OPCC (WH)
Lara Lewis, Acting Staff Officer – OPCC (LL)
Katie Beaumont, Head of Governance and Transparency - OPCC (KB)
Gemma McCormack, Executive Assistant - Minutes
Apologies:
Dan Vajzovic, Deputy Chief Constable – Police Service (DV)

Agenda Item	
Item 1: Welcome	<p>JT welcomed everyone to the meeting, he reminded the board that we are now working to the revised format for governance with quarterly in dept performance scrutiny and a spotlight review of individual police and crime plan missions monthly.</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting which was held on the 23rd July 2024 were agreed to be published.</p>
Item 2:	<p>2.1 TOR amendments (to be agreed):</p> <p>The revised Terms of Reference that had previously been circulated were agreed.</p> <p>2.2 Police and Crime Plan Update:</p> <p>JT informed the board that the Plan is in its final stage of drafting and will be available early the following week in advance of it being submitted to the Police and Crime Panel for its meeting on the 17th September 2024. He thanked TR and</p>

	<p>his executive team and the PCC's team for their contributions and development of the Plan.</p> <p>Over 1,000 responses have been received which support the key missions and 90% plus for all the key objectives.</p> <p>2.3 Civil Disorder and Riots:</p> <p>TR briefed the board on the work undertaken by Bedfordshire Police to provide reassurance to local communities, to ensure that adequate resources were available should there be any disorder and to contribute to the National Police capacity.</p> <p>JT expressed his thanks to TR and the Police Service for the work they had carried out to provide reassurance to communities during the period of unrest. He said the level of trust and recognition of the police role was a testimony to the time investment made by Bedfordshire Police to build good relationships with all communities over the past number of years. It was impressive that Bedfordshire was only 1 in only 5 Forces who did not have to arrest anyone in connection with criminality and disorder during this period of unrest. He asked that TR passed on to the Police his personal thanks and what he believes would be the public's appreciation on the work taken not least a time when some leave and rest days had to be cancelled.</p> <p>2.4 Actions from previous meetings:</p> <p>Actions were reviewed and updates given to JT. Serious Crime prevention orders update to be brought back in the serious crime report in February 2025.</p> <p>2.5 Information Document:</p> <p>The Information document was agreed for publication.</p>
<p>Item 3:</p>	<p>3.1 Serious Crime Spotlight:</p> <p>JM presented the paper which been put together by Detective Superintendent Dani Baily and this had already been considered by Force Executive Board the previous week.</p> <p>HMICFRS has recently inspected Beds Police in respect of tackling serious crime and has graded the Police Service 'Good'.</p> <p>JM highlighted a number of aspects in the report including that Bedfordshire has one of the highest level of disrupting OCG's and county lines Nationally. He also reminded the board that criminality related to drugs is one of the strongest causes of serious and organised crime as well as having an effect on other crimes such as shoplifting and antisocial behaviour.</p>

	<p>JM reported the statistics show that there are 66 mapped county line areas in the country compared with when BOSON was established. (when was BOSON established). TR reminded the board that Boson and Costello are funded by a special grant and this must be retained.</p> <p>TR also talked about the clear hold and build strategy including the latest operation in Biggleswade. Bedfordshire is fortunate that Mark Lay (National Drugs Co-Ordinator Lead - NPCC) chairs the Bedfordshire Serious Harm Board and helped to develop the 10 year drugs strategy. It is important to understand the nature of the drug market in more detail and JT asked for a copy of the drug market report for the county.</p> <p>Action: JT to receive a copy of the Drug Market Report.</p> <p>JT thanked JM and TR for the report and their commentary on it. He asked a number of questions including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How we develop and strengthen partnership working not only to tackle serious crime and its causes? • How can we be assured that appropriate resources are allocated to tackle serious crime? • What further measure can be introduced to tackle serious crime? <p>JT requested for a further update to be provided at the board meeting in February 2025 asked for this to include a deeper analysis of causes, trajectory and allocation of resources.</p> <p>JT asked what the further implications for CID would be when the Drugs Focus Desk is in place? JM assured JT that there is an operational challenge and we would need to reallocate resources but the knock of effect for CID would be fairly minimal.</p> <p>JT stated he will pursue with other partners a process for a better public understanding of serious crime particularly drug related crime and to make the case with partners to commit to invest joint measures to reduce this level of criminality which in turn will reduce the pressure on their future budgets.</p> <p>JT thanked JM for the report and asked JM to pass on his thanks to Dani Bailey.</p> <p>3.2 Report by Exception:</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>Item 4: Finance</p>	<p>4.1 Capital & Revenue monitoring (moved from July):</p> <p>PW presented the report. It was noted that although there are some overspends in both the police service and PCC's office in the first quarter (due to the police summer pressures and PCC's office process around the departure of the previous</p>

	<p>CEO), PW is confident that the year end position will align with the original budget. Following questions JT thanked PW for the update and the report was received.</p>
<p>Item 5: AOB</p>	<p>Custody discussion:</p> <p>Discussion regarding disproportionality with searches as highlighted by the Children’s Commissioners recent report.</p> <p>JT thanked TR for the information and analysis on this and was provided information that work is being completed in this space and a further report will be brought to the January 2025 Performance and Governance Board.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>20th September 2024.</p>