

# **SOUTH YORKSHIRE'S POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

## **PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD**

**9 FEBRUARY 2021**

PRESENT: Dr Alan Billings (Police and Crime Commissioner)  
Michelle Buttery (Chief Executive and Solicitor)  
Fiona Topliss (Community Engagement & Communications Manager)  
Sally Parkin (Governance and Compliance Manager)  
Kevin Wright (Evaluation and Scrutiny Officer)  
Tracy Webster (Community Engagement Officer)  
Ellie Parkinson (Performance and Assurance Officer)  
Stephen Watson (Chief Constable)  
Mark Roberts (Deputy Chief Constable)  
David Hartley (Assistant Chief Constable)  
Tim Forber (Assistant Chief Constable)  
Debbie Carrington (Interim Director of Finance)  
Alison Fletcher (Office Manager)  
Carrie Goodwin (Head of Corporate Communications)  
Melanie Palin (Chief Superintendent, Sheffield)  
Cherie Buttle (Superintendent)  
Colin McFarlane (Violence Reduction Unit)  
A Macaskill (Interim Chair of the Independent Ethics Panel)  
Steve Wragg (Chair of the Joint Independent Audit Committee)  
Councillor Garry Weatherall (Sheffield City Council)

APOLOGIES: L Poultney, J Bland, S Abbott, E Redfearn and R Staniforth

### 1 **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Commissioner welcomed those who had joined the meeting, including Councillors Sansome, Steinke and Short, members of the Police and Crime Panel, Councillor Khayum and one member of the press (L Roberts).

### 2 **VIDEO CONFERENCING AND RECORDING**

The Commissioner confirmed that the meeting was being recorded and, subject to the quality being acceptable, would be published on the website.

### 3 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Commissioner confirmed that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections will be going ahead on 6 May 2021. Although there is some scepticism around how these are going to be managed.

There is due to be a ministerial statement on Thursday 11 February 2021 in relation to the PCC Review. The Review was launched in July 2020 and aims to improve accountability, scrutiny and transparency of PCCs.

#### 4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Commissioner informed the Board that one question had been submitted by Councillor Sansome, a member of the Police and Crime Panel.

*"I have a question for the District Commander of Doncaster.*

*The recent death of a Swinton man has led to unwanted fear and tension in our community.*

*We aware of the Organised Crime Gang at Mexborough visiting Swinton to try and recruit gang members, what reassurances can the district commander give the 3 ward councillors and residents of Swinton and Kilnhurst that they are doing everything they can to prevent recruitment, they are liaising with senior officers in Rotherham including the Rotherham North NPT to share intelligence. We don't want to see the very good partnership work which led to known criminals being arrested be destroyed.*

*Can the ward councillors be given updates, which don't compromise ongoing investigations."*

M Palin highlighted the murder in Mexborough of a young man from the Swinton area. This relates to an Organised Crime Group (OCG) and assorted criminal activity. For the last six months the neighbourhood policing team have been working with the district Fortify team with the aim of disrupting organised crime.

M Palin confirmed that she holds a meeting which brings together the Doncaster and Rotherham Command Teams, the Major Crime Team and key partners to ensure all intelligence is shared to help disrupt activity. This will continue.

A new Home Office strategy is also being used by the Fortify team. This includes working with partners, to reach out to young people who may become involved in criminal activity.

Councillor Sansome confirmed that this did give him some reassurance. He would also be able to share this with colleagues. He enquired if there could be some communication, about the two districts working together, in the Rotherham North newsletter and any other communication outlets available to the police to ensure that as many people as possible are made aware.

Councillor Sansome highlighted the good work that had been undertaken in Swinton and Kilnhurst but confirmed there is still more to do. He acknowledged the complexity of the situation and the amount of work that cannot be shared. He is happy for his details to be provided to officers if there is anything he can do to help.

M Palin confirmed that the concerns around communication are being addressed as part of the Neighbourhood Policing Team's engagement plans. A Crimestoppers campaign is also being developed.

5 URGENT ITEMS

The Commissioner invited D Hartley to provide an update on the police response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

D Hartley confirmed that the Covid-19 situation in South Yorkshire was stable and improving. The vaccination programme is going very well.

SYP continues to work well with partners and attend twice weekly meeting with the Local Resilience Forum.

Whilst SYP is seeing some staff sickness and shielding, abstraction rates remain low. SYP continues to be able to provide a full policing service.

6 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

There were no items to be considered in the absence of the public and press.

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

8 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2021

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

9 MATTERS ARISING/ACTIONS

396	<p>The Commissioner's Office would establish if Sheffield City Council are considering a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in the Page Hall area.</p> <p>13/10/20 – Ongoing</p> <p>10/12/20 – No update received. The Commissioner agreed to write to the new Leader of SCC.</p> <p>09/02/21 - The Commissioner has written to Cllr Johnson, the Leader of Sheffield City Council. Both the Commissioner and Chief Constable have met with Kate Josephs, the Chief Executive of Sheffield City Council. SYP and Sheffield City Council continue to liaise about this. The Chief Constable confirmed that whilst SYP would like a PSPO this needs to be part of a wider plan. Ongoing</p>
401	<p>S Baldwin would look into whether telephone devices which block calls are still available.</p> <p>09/02/21 – The Commissioner had provided funding in 2018/19 for 25 devices as a proof of concept. These can be recycled and redistributed. This can be still purchased. SYP has recently purchase some BT blocker phones which they use for dementia suffers. Discharged</p>

10 FORCE PERFORMANCE - DONCASTER DISTRICT SUMMARY

A report of the Chief Constable was presented to the Board. The purpose of the report was to provide a brief update in relation to local operationally based delivery of the Police and Crime Plan in Doncaster, in line with the reporting requirements.

The Commissioner thanked M Palin for a full and comprehensive report.

The Commissioner noted the steady increase in both crime and non-crime domestic abuse incidents in Doncaster. He enquired about the difference between crime and non-crime incidents of this nature. M Palin confirmed that a criminal offence, by an intimate partner or family member, needs to have been committed for a crime to be recorded. An example of a non-crime incident could be a call from a neighbour reporting shouting between an intimate partner or family member. M Palin highlighted the importance of recording non-crime incidents. This enables a risk assessment to be undertaken and a record to be made. Risk assessments would include the position regarding children. If children are involved, social care will be informed, to enable them to undertake their own risk assessment. Social care will not necessarily take any further action except to do an assessment.

The Commissioner highlighted that positive action is being taken for approximately 20% of victims of domestic abuse. He enquired if this was better or worse than last year. M Palin highlighted that positive action is where the police have charged, cautioned or used restorative justice. This does fluctuate. This is better than it was last year, but is relatively stable. The Domestic Abuse Team in Doncaster is relatively new and, once embedded, should help increase the number of positive outcomes. All staff in SYP are also undertaking Domestic Abuse Matters training to raise awareness of domestic violence and coercive control. The Commissioner acknowledged how positively the Domestic Abuse Matters training had been received.

The Commissioner highlighted the MATAC (Multi Agency Tasking and Coordinating) approach. This ensures that serial and persistent high-risk domestic abuse perpetrators are managed, through a multi-agency forum, to seek to address their offending behaviour. He asked if this was taking place. This is in the implementation phase.

The child and adult protection graphs on page 18 were highlighted. The Commissioner commented that adult protection appears to be increasing. He enquired if this was correct and asked what this is telling us. M Palin confirmed that the increase in adult protection reflects the concerns of all partners, around adult vulnerability during the Covid-19 pandemic. This relates to lower level vulnerability, and the local referral unit are linked into adult social care to provide additional support.

Detention of individuals under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act (where a police officer believes you have a mental illness and that you need immediate 'care or control') is also increasing.

The Commissioner acknowledged that 90% of mental health assessments in December were undertaken within 2 hours. M Palin confirmed that SYP had undertaken a lot of work with partner agencies to address some of the challenges around mental health. She highlighted the Serenity Integrated Mentoring (SIM)

programme. This programme works with those in the local community that are at most risk of self-harm and in need of bespoke support. The project is currently focusing on 15 individuals who require intensive support on a regular basis. The project is proven nationally and has already seen success, with a number of clients now requiring little or no ongoing support.

The Commissioner commented that Doncaster did not appear to have seen the fall in incident demand that other districts had seen. M Palin confirmed that Doncaster had seen a slight reduction between January and April 2020, but this had increased towards the end of the year. Some of this was as a result of Covid-19 breaches. There had been a reduction in crime.

The Commissioner enquired about the impact on officers. SYP does have a robust structure in place to consider daily and weekly resources. M Palin confirmed that SYP had worked together to ensure a full policing service continued to be delivered to the public during the Covid-19 pandemic.

M Roberts suggested the media might wish to acknowledge the risk that officers face every day.

The Commissioner enquired about the 'locality' model. The meeting structure is in place and is rolled out across the district. The aim - to have a co-located multi-agency team - has not been achieved yet, due to the impact of Covid-19.

The Commissioner acknowledged the success of the model in Edlington. Early analysis shows a 22% decrease in police incidents; a 44% reduction in reported anti-social behaviour; and a 14% reduction in recorded crime when compared to the same period last year.

The Safer Streets Fund was highlighted. The Commissioner enquired if this funding really made a difference. M Palin confirmed that it did. If you invest in the community, the community starts to take pride in the area they live, and start to look after themselves (the 'broken windows' theory).

The Commissioner highlighted the regular power cuts, which have been occurring in Hexthorpe, due to cannabis cultivation. He enquired if there was any way the power companies could assist with this. M Palin confirmed that SYP is working closely with the power companies to obtain intelligence in relation to power usage.

M Roberts highlighted the criminal activity driven by cannabis cultivation, and the impact on local communities. There is also a risk of fires in residential areas. He urged local communities not to turn a blind eye to this, and to report any suspicions. This can be done anonymously.

The Commissioner highlighted public concern for speeding and road safety generally. He had been talking to the Safer Camera Partnership who are about to launch a 10-year strategy.

The Commissioner raised the downward trend in commercial burglary, and enquired if this was a national trend. M Palin confirmed that SYP had expected to see an increase in commercial burglary, but Doncaster had not seen this. She agreed to establish whether this was a national trend.

The Commissioner highlighted the reduction in most serious violence during the first lockdown, and the increase following that first lockdown. He enquired if this

was expected at the end of the current lockdown. M Palin confirmed that there is usually an increase during the summer. SYP is working with partners on a recovery plan from Covid-19. There are some concerns around the re-introduction of the night-time economy, as this could result in more serious violence. This will be a partnership approach.

The Commissioner enquired about the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) - whether this was currently meeting and who is involved. Since November 2020, the IAG has met weekly online. With weekly meetings, attendance has dropped slightly, so Doncaster is considering moving these meetings to every two weeks. Representation includes asylum seekers, members of the LGBT+ community, a youth worker and a member of the deaf community. The BAME representation is being looked at.

M Palin highlighted that, during 2020, Doncaster has seen a reduction in a number of crime areas resulting in a reduction in total crime.

Doncaster is committed to delivering neighbourhood policing. Shortly, there will be an increase of 3 sergeants and 7 PCs.

**It was agreed that:**

- **M Palin would establish whether the downward trend in commercial burglary was taking place nationally**

11 FORCE PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2017 - 2021 (RENEWED 2019) - PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

A report of the Chief Constable was presented to the Board. The purpose of the report was to provide an update on the progress against the 'Protecting Vulnerable People' outcome of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 in support of the Commissioner's overarching aim of South Yorkshire being a safe place in which to live, learn and work.

The Commissioner highlighted the positive work of the Domestic Violence Protection Order team. D Thorpe confirmed the team has been working well during the Covid-19 pandemic; applying for orders using a 'virtual courtroom'. Around 80% of notices are converted into orders.

M Roberts confirmed that SYP appears to be using these much more than other forces and are being much more proactive. These help give victims some space and protection.

The Commissioner highlighted the Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO) profiles and commented that these seem really detailed. He enquired if these are used for other crime types. D Thorpe confirmed that they are. These profiles are partnership based, and include geographical and analytical information about offenders.

The Commissioner enquired if there are any means of establishing how effective communication campaigns are. The effectiveness of communication campaigns is monitored, and this is included in the campaign strategy, but it is difficult to know the impact. M Roberts highlighted that it would cost a lot of money to obtain

qualitative data for all communication campaigns, and so a proportionate approach is taken.

C Goodwin informed the Board that the campaign referred to in the report is in relation to the dangers of online dating apps / social media dating. One of the key measures is the number of times the advice has been shared. It is difficult to establish the impact this has had, but the objectives of the campaign were to provide advice and guidance. The campaign will be re-launched for Valentine's Day.

The Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) was highlighted. This provides an assessment for any child with recognised indicators of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) or County Lines. The VAT is now fully embedded within all four district in South Yorkshire. Multi Agency Child Exploitation meetings (MACE) use the VAT to identify the risk to the child by a RAG (red, amber green) rating, and look at national guidance when identifying through the menu of tactics for the best intervention. The Commissioner enquired if interventions are available. D Thorpe confirmed that interventions are available through various partner agencies.

The Commissioner enquired about the Serious and Organised Crime Vulnerability team. Their remit it is to take ownership and manage some of the more serious and organised / complex Modern Slavery / Human Trafficking investigations that are identified across SYP. M Roberts confirmed this was about hidden harm. This is relatively new, but SYP is seeing positive signs.

The Commissioner highlighted the online portal as an alternative to making a call to 101, and enquired if this could be accessed in other languages. He also asked if victims are identified through this route and referred to Victim Support. D Hartley agreed to come back to Commissioner on these queries.

D Thorpe highlighted that SYP is well placed to manage mental health. SYP is the only force to sit on the Integrated Care System (ICS) Partnership. The partnership has part funded a suicide prevention/vulnerability officer in South Yorkshire. This role provides real-time surveillance of suspected suicides and supports information sharing with Public Health and local authorities. M Roberts confirmed this would help SYP understand any trends and help with providing interventions.

The Commissioner enquired if South Yorkshire was similar to what is happening nationally in relation to suicide rates. D Thorpe confirmed that there had been 169 suspected suicides recorded in South Yorkshire in 2020, approximately 14 per month. This is a 4% increase. He agreed to establish how this compared nationally.

M Roberts confirmed that it was a cause for concern that South Yorkshire has had this many people in crisis.

The full impact of Covid-19 on mental health demand is yet to be established.

**It was agreed that:**

- **D Hartley would establish if the online portal was available in other languages**
- **D Hartley would establish if victims could be identified via the online portal and referred to Victim Support**

- **D Thorpe would establish how South Yorkshire's suicide rates compared nationally**

## 12 STALKING PROTECTION ORDERS

A report of the Chief Constable was presented to the Board. The purpose of the report was to update the Board on Stalking Protection Orders. The report provided an overview of the legislation and progress to date with implementation in SYP.

Supt Buttle informed the Board that Stalking Protection Orders (SPO) have been in place for 12 months.

When SPOs were initially introduced, there was a mistaken belief that these were the same as Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPO), but there are some significant differences in the legislation.

To apply for a DVPO, there has to be a reasonable belief that domestic violence will occur. To secure a SPO, there must be evidence of risk to an identified person and the police cannot provide general protection. The standard of proof for a SPO is the same standard as a criminal case, in that the acts need to be proved beyond reasonable doubt. However, other kinds of evidence that might not be admissible in a criminal case such as 'hearsay' evidence can be used.

SYP has seen some success with two SPOs being issued to date, and another 6 are currently with Legal Services.

SPOs are an additional tool to provide protection to vulnerable victims of stalking; they are not an alternative to a criminal prosecution and they require the same standard of proof.

C Buttle highlighted the positive interaction between officers and Legal Services.

This is new legislation and practical experience is still yet to be gained to allow best practice and learning to be gained.

The Commissioner enquired about the appeal to the order obtained on 13 May 2020. The order was varied slightly, but is still in place. C Buttle highlighted the importance of this order remaining in place to keep the victim safe. The victim has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

The Commissioner suggested a further report be brought back to a future meeting to establish how this is going.

**It was agreed that:**

- **An update report on Stalking Protection Orders be brought back to the Public Accountability Board in 12 months' time.**

## 13 SYP'S QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING OVERVIEW

A report of the Chief Constable was presented to the Board. The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of SYP's projected outturn on its revenue and capital budgets as at 31st March 2021. It is based on an analysis of income and expenditure for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, before accounting adjustments. The report covered SYP's financial position only.

D Carrington informed the Board that SYP is projecting a £0.34m underspend. £0.37m is an approved contribution to the insurance reserve, following the renewal of the insurance contract in 2020, resulting in an overspend of £0.03m. This is nearly a balanced budget.

Covid-19 related expenditure continues to be captured and reported to the Home Office.

The potential impact and uncertainty around the McCloud Remedy (Pensions) was unknown at the time of writing the report. This has since been received, but SYP still need to work through the detail. It is still assumed that any potential costs will be funded from Central Government.

At the time of setting the 2020/21 budget, the ring-fenced Uplift grant was prudently excluded on the basis that SYP did not meet the Uplift target at the end of March 2020. Action was taken to bring forward the recruitment of 70 (55 FTE) officers to reduce the risk of not meeting the Uplift target, and to ensure the available grant funding was maximised. SYP is projecting to deliver the target number in the current year, and has received £4.2m which is now included in projections and is helping to meet the increased cost of police officers and other revenue and capital Police Uplift Programme costs.

The Commissioner referred to the police officer pay and overtime overspend, and enquired about the impact on officer welfare. M Roberts highlighted that officers have continued to work throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, and have not had the opportunity to work from home. The police service has also had to pick up the slack from other emergency services. This is a time of crisis, and officers have continued to provide a core service and enforce Covid-19 restrictions, putting themselves at high risk. He highlighted that the type of work officers are dealing with (for which they are able to claim overtime payment) is not work you would want to undertake. For example, dealing with people suffering a bereavement.

D Hartley confirmed that SYP has put a lot of effort into the social and physical impact on staff, including providing online support, home training programmes and keeping gyms open.

The Commissioner confirmed that he is getting a large number of emails supporting the work of SYP from people where a family member has sadly passed away.

D Carrington highlighted the capital programme. The year to date expenditure is £6.3m. This is 45% of the budget. SYP is still projecting to spend the remaining budget, but slippage is starting to be seen.

All the schemes were discussed at SYP's last Strategic Resourcing Board, and work is taking place with budget holders.

#### 14 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE UPDATE

A report of the Chief Constable was presented to the Board. The purpose of the report was to outline the work that has been undertaken across South Yorkshire in support of improved use of Restorative Justice, by SYP and its partners.

The Commissioner highlighted that the public did not always understand Restorative Justice, and tended to see this as an alternative to more serious outcomes, such as a caution or a prison sentence.

T Forber informed the Board that Restorative Justice was not an alternative to other outcomes, but can be used alongside alternative outcomes. Restorative Justice is being used to try and enable SYP to be more proactive and use effective problem-solving. Restorative Justice gives the victim and offender of a specific incident/crime the opportunity for direct/indirect communication; the aim being to address the harm suffered by the victim and reduce the risk of reoffending by the suspect. He commented that an apology can be much more effective and powerful to the offender, and in some cases brings more satisfaction to the victim.

SYP do not want to unnecessarily criminalise young people.

Restorative Justice does depend on whether the victim wants this approach, and whether the offender recognises their behaviour. Restorative Justice is about what is the right outcome for the victim.

Restorative Justice can improve victim satisfaction rates, empower the victim and reduce the risk of reoffending by the offender. This fits with SYP's problem-solving approach, and the aims of the Police and Crime Plan.

The Commissioner enquired about the Community Justice Panels. T Forber confirmed that there had been challenges in bringing the panels together, during lockdown, because of social distancing. These are now in place across all districts. The panels are usually made up of volunteers who have good communication and mediation skills. Volunteers can be more powerful than statutory agencies.

The Commissioner asked if the panels are local authority or police led. They are led by police co-ordinators.

The Commissioner enquired if SYP had sufficient volunteers. T Forber agreed to get back to the Commissioner on this. SYP is always looking for members of the public to work with them. The Commissioner agreed that, when appropriate, he would mention this at community meetings.

**It was agreed that:**

- **T Forber would establish how many people are available to sit on Community Justice Panels**
- **The Commissioner would, when appropriate, encourage members of the public to volunteer to work with SYP**

## 15 UPDATE ON ATLAS COURT - PUBLIC PORTAL FUNCTIONALITY

A report of the Chief Constable was presented to the Board. The purpose of the report was to outline the current functionality that members of the public can now access via this digital Portal.

D Hartley highlighted the conventional ways of contacting SYP, and the difficulty sometimes experienced by members of the public, using these methods. SYP has started to open up the channels of communication for members of the public. For

example, by publishing Neighbourhood Policing Team contact details. The Digital Portal is the next stage in this process.

SYP has increased resources at Atlas Court by 16 members of staff to respond to online contact.

50 online forms have been designed and formatted to quickly allow the member of the public to report 50 different types of crime. Domestic abuse as a category is not available, but this is available in a different format.

This is supported by a substantial knowledge bank which provides advice and guidance to the public. This gives people the ability to self-serve rather than having to wait to speak to someone.

A WebChat facility is also now available. This allows a member of the public to converse with SYP electronically, at their own pace, and at a time to suit them.

A soft launch was undertaken in November. To use the facility, members of the public have to sign up for an account. D Hartley highlighted that there had been some concern from members of the public around what SYP was going to do with this information, and what information they may be able to access if their details are provided. He provided reassurance that nothing would be done with the information, and no other data could be accessed.

Since November, 4000 registrations had been received. D Hartley confirmed that he expected this to be the contact route of choice for a large number of people.

The Commissioner highlighted that this was featured in his latest Blog.

The Commissioner commented that he was receiving fewer items of correspondence relating to the 101 service. D Hartley confirmed that 101 wait times had improved. It is anticipated that these new functions will enable wait times to be reduced even further.

16 PCC'S STRATEGIC AND FINANCIAL PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE 2021/22 BUDGET

A report of the Chief Executive and Solicitor was presented to the Board. The purpose of the report was to provide an overview of the Police and Crime Commissioner's annual strategic and financial planning process in relation to reviewing his Police and Crime Plan (2017-2021 – renewed 2019) and setting a supporting budget and council tax precept for 2021/22.

M Buttery reminded the Board that previous reports have explained the PCC's annual strategic and financial planning process was in two parts. To reviewing his Police and Crime Plan (2017-2021 – renewed 2019) and setting a supporting budget.

Since the last report to the Public Accountability Board, the following activities have taken place:

- a) The PCC and OPCC have finalised the Addendum to the current Plan, for the period February-May 2021.

- b) On 25 January 2021, the PCC reported to the leaders of South Yorkshire's four local authorities on what his council tax precept proposal was likely to be. This was the last stage of his formal consultation process, and came after information had been received from:
- Central Government, on the funding for South Yorkshire for 2021/22
  - South Yorkshire Police and partners, on policing need
  - South Yorkshire's communities, in response to the PCC's precept survey
- c) On 27 January 2021, the PCC and OPCC held their final Planning & Efficiency Group (PEG) discussion with the Chief Constable and his senior team prior to the PCC finalising the policing and crime budget for South Yorkshire and his proposal on council tax precept. This discussion considered the feedback from South Yorkshire's four leaders and the financial modelling that had been done based on this feedback.
- d) On 3 February 2021, the PCC formally presented the finalised budget position and council tax precept proposal for 2021/22 to the Police and Crime Panel. The Panel voted unanimously in favour of the proposed final council tax precept.

The budget and precept will now be formally determined by the PCC at the next Public Accountability Board meeting on 24 February 2021.

M Buttery reminded to the Board that the PCC elections due to be held in May 2020 were postponed to 7 May 2021, as a result of the global Covid-19 pandemic and this government's response to it. As a result, the PCC reviewed his Plan and, in May 2020, he reaffirmed that the priorities of the Plan should remain until the 2021 PCC elections.

The PCC intends to publish an Addendum to his Plan to take South Yorkshire Police beyond the PCC elections, due to be held on 7 May 2021.

The Commissioner approved the Addendum to the Police and Crime Plan to cover the period February to May 2021.

M Buttery confirmed the Addendum will now be published.

## 17 PCC DECISIONS

A report of the Chief Executive and Solicitor was presented to the Board. The purpose of the report was to provide the Board with a record of key decisions taken by the Commissioner outside of this Board since the last PAB meeting.

M Buttery confirmed these decisions were also reported to the Police and Crime Panel.

The report was noted.

18 PAB WORK PROGRAMME

The work programme was noted.

M BATTERY drew attention to the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) report which will be presented by the current Head of the VRU at the next meeting of the Board on 10 March 2021. The Board will also be joined by the new Head of the VRU, Graham Jones, who starts in post on 1 March 2021.

19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS - TO BE NOTIFIED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING

There was no any other business.

20 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

10 March 2021 at 2.30pm.

CHAIR

