

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD: NOTE OF THE MEETING

2 February 2023

Attendees present (in person and virtually)

Dr A Billings (Chair)
 M Buttery (Chief Executive & Solicitor, OPCC)
 S Parkin (Governance and Compliance Manager, OPCC)
 K Wright (Evaluation & Scrutiny Officer, OPCC)
 G Hyland (Senior Communications Officer, OPCC)
 K Dearnley (Engagement and Consultation Officer, OPCC)
 L Poultney (Chief Constable, SYP)
 T Forber (Deputy Chief Constable, SYP)
 D Thorpe (Assistant Chief Constable, SYP)
 S Poolman (Assistant Chief Constable, SYP)
 D Carrington (Chief Finance Officer, SYP)
 N Byrne (Violence Reduction Unit)
 J Humphries (Violence Reduction Unit)
 S Wragg (Chair of the Joint Independent Audit Committee)
 M Lewis (Interim Chair of the Independent Ethics Panel)

Observing

C Renshaw (Student Placement)

Apologies received

D Hartley, R Alton, A Fletcher, S Abbott, F Topliss, C Goodwin and E Redfearn

NO:	AGENDA ITEM NAME
2	<u>FILMING NOTIFICATION</u> The Commissioner confirmed that the meeting was being streamed live on You Tube (SYPCC Media) and was being recorded and uploaded via You Tube to the website (www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/) where it can be viewed at a later date.
3	<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> The Chief Constable referred to SYP's latest HMICFRS's Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) inspection report. SYP has been awarded the strongest set of grades SYP has ever achieved, with three 'Outstanding' and five 'Good' grades and one 'Adequate' grade.
4	<u>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</u>

	<p>Cllr Minesh Parekh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sheffield Race Equality Report noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner would commission an independent review of stop and search effectiveness in regard to race and ethnicity and public the outcomes and supporting recommendations for public consultation; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) what progress has been made with this, (b) have independent commissioners been identified, and (c) will you give a public statement about next steps for this review; and Secondly, the report noted that the PCC stated that while there had been very few complaints about the use of Stop and Search, that this may 'indicate a lack of trust in the police to take complaints seriously, and that people stopped 'demonstrated a fatalistic acceptance that they are treated differently based on their ethnicity'; what work has been undertaken to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) investigate how victims of Stop and Search perceive the use of these powers, (b) to try to demonstrate whether the complaints process will be taken seriously; and (c) to monitor the impact of the use of Stop and Search powers on victims' mental health. <p>Response attached at Appendix A.</p>
5	<p><u>URGENT ITEMS</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
6	<p><u>ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS</u></p> <p>There were no items to be considered in the absence of the public and press.</p>
7	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
8	<p><u>SUMMARY NOTE AND DECISIONS/ACTIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD HELD ON 1 JANUARY 2023</u></p> <p>The notes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record, subject to the following amendment:</p>

	The heading for Item 11: Force Performance Against Police and Crime Plan – <i>Treating People Fairly</i> be changed to <i>Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour</i>
9	<p><u>ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 447 - Further information on missing children to be received at a future Update: Superintendent B Kemp will attend a future meeting • 448 - The PCC to receive an overview of the Regional Scientific Support Service Update: Regional Scientific Support Service has offered to give a presentation at the Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Organised Crime Unit (ROCU) Oversight Board • 449 - The IEP's ethical framework and checklist for new technology is to be re-circulated to SYP Update: This has been resent. Discharged • 450 - The IEP be involved in SYP's work around Drones Update: This has been put on the IEP's work programme and ACC Hartley will provide an update into SYP's use of drones • 451 - Analysis of collisions data is to be shared at the next Road Safety Partnership meeting Update: This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting

10	Doncaster District Summary Update
Purpose	To provide assurance to the Public Accountability Board (PAB) and the communities of Doncaster that South Yorkshire Police are committed to working with our partners to deliver the vision and strategic objectives of the Police and Crime Plan.
Key points	<p>A discussion took place with Chief Superintendent Ian Proffitt, the District Commander for Sheffield.</p> <p>The Commissioner drew attention to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand and resources • Residential burglary • Vehicle crime • Prisons and the Police Prison Crime Unit • Train Alpha, an operation set up in Doncaster to tackle drug dealing and violent crime • The 'Clear, Hold, Build' initiative • Domestic abuse • Most serious violence • Safeguarding
Decision / Action	None

11	Force Performance Against Police and Crime Plan – Protecting Vulnerable People
Purpose	To provide an update on the progress against the 'Protecting Vulnerable People' priority of the Police and Crime Plan, 'Safer Streets More Police 2022-2025' to support the Commissioner's overarching aim of South Yorkshire being a safe place in which to live, learn, work and travel.
Key points	<p>A discussion took place in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) • Domestic abuse • Missing persons • Cyber crime
Decision/ Action	None

12	SYP's Quarterly Budget Monitoring Overview - December
Purpose	To inform the Public Accountability Board of the Force's projected outturn on its revenue and capital budgets as at 31st March 2023. It is based on an analysis of income and expenditure for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 before accounting adjustments.
Key points	<p>The following key points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projected underspend • Legacy projections • Projected overspend • Capital position
Decision/ Action	None

13	Firearms Licensing
Purpose	The purpose of this report is to provide the Commissioner with an oversight of the Firearms Licensing system and to provide assurance that caseloads are being well managed.
Key points	<p>A discussion took place in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of expired certificate holders in South Yorkshire who are shown to be in possession of firearms

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of outstanding renewal applications which are awaiting decision • The number of shotgun certificate holders on a temporary permit • The backlog positions • The monitoring of certificate holders
Decision/ Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A further Firearms Licensing Update Report be brought to the Public Accountability Board in six months' time

14	PCC's Strategic Planning Timetable
Purpose	To provide an overview of the Commissioner's annual strategic and financial planning process in relation to reviewing the Police and Crime Plan (2022-25) and setting a supporting budget and council tax precept for financial year 2023/24
Key points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PCC's precept proposal and revenue budget for 2023/24 will be presented to the Police and Crime Panel on 3 February and then to a Special Public Accountability Board (PAB) meeting on 27 February • The PCC's draft Police and Crime Plan will also be presented to the Police and Crime Panel for comment on 3 February
Decision/ Action	None

15	PCC Decisions
Purpose	To provide the Board with a record of key decisions taken by the Commissioner outside of this Board since the last PAB meeting
Key points	<p>The following key decisions were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commissioner's Proceeds of Crime Act Community Grant Scheme 2022/23 decisions for January 2023 • Miners' Strike Archive Publication Project
Decision/ Action	None

16	Work Programme
Purpose	To provide the Board with an overview of the content of future meeting agendas
Key points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be a Special PAB on the 27 February and will be where the PCC formally agrees the budget and council tax precept

Decision/ Action	None

17	Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) Assurance Report
Purpose	To inform the Commissioner of any exceptions for noting from the JIAC meeting held on 8 December 2022.
Key points	The following areas in the report were highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savings • IT Governance • Anti-fraud and corruption
Decision/ Action	None

18	AOB
Key points	None

PCC Signature 8 March 2023.

Date of Next Meeting 8 March 2023