



BUSINESS COORDINATION BOARD

APPROVED MINUTES

Date: 4th January 2018 **Time:** 14:00
Location: Conference Room 1, Cambridgeshire Constabulary Headquarters

Members:

Jason Ablewhite	Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Alan Baldwin	Deputy Chief Constable, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Ray Bisby	Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Dorothy Gregson	Chief Executive, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Dan Vajzovic	Assistant Chief Constable, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

In Attendance:

Charles Kitchin	Director of Communications & Engagement, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Natalie Benton	Head of Corporate Development, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Matthew Warren	Interim Chief of Finance, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Cristina Strood	Head of Policy and Performance, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Claire George	Executive Support Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

1. Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Alec Wood Chief Constable, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Niki Howard Director of Finance and Resources, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Colin Luscombe Director of Estates, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Business Coordination Board meeting held on the 12th December 2017

3.1 The Business Coordination Board (the "Board") approved the minutes from the last meeting on 12th December 2017 which were signed after the meeting.

4. 2018/19 Budget Consultation

4.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner ("the Commissioner") welcomed the draft financial settlement for 2018/19 which was issued by the Home Office on 19th December 2017. The settlement provides details of the proposed Police Grant for 2018/19 and also allows Police and Crime Commissioners to increase their share of Council Tax by up to £12 per year (band D equivalent), as well as signalling the intention to repeat the same government settlement for 2019/20. The Commissioner felt that Ministers had listened. The Commissioner and the Chief Constable had met with the Policing and Fire Minister, providing evidence of the challenges facing policing, and the Minister had also met with frontline officers.

4.2 The Commissioner highlighted the financial challenges that would remain ahead given the flat cash Police Grant settlement. Savings and efficiencies of £10m would still need to be made through delivery of the local policing review, BCH collaboration, 7-Force collaboration, the estates strategy and work with partners. The Commissioner noted the work undertaken to improve efficiency and that the force is doing all it can to mitigate demands, but that recent independent analysis confirmed that more officers were needed to increase resilience.

4.2 The Interim Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner presented the report to the Board. The Commissioner wishes to present a number of options to the public, showing how an increase in Council Tax relates to police numbers. It is the intention of the Commissioner to provide all of the additional money raised to the Chief Constable to ensure the resourcing needs of the Constabulary to meet increased demand and respond to what the public want more adequately. It was noted that it appeared that Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire would be putting forward similar precept figures and this would be a key issue to discuss with them. The consultation would end on 29th January and the Board noted that the next steps would include a briefing for the Police and Crime Panel before Panel consideration on 31st January.

4.2 The Deputy Chief Constable and Assistant Chief Constable welcomed a further increase in officers, in addition to those allowed by the local policing review, which would allow for a better service to the public. They highlighted that detailed planning would need to be undertaken and consideration for the precept requirement for 2019/20. It was recognised that recruiting further extra officers would have an impact on a number of departments such as Human Resources, Learning and Development and Vetting and that these departments would need to be properly resourced to meet the increased workload.

4.3 The Board approved the budget consultation proposal and the commencement date of Friday 5th January 2018.

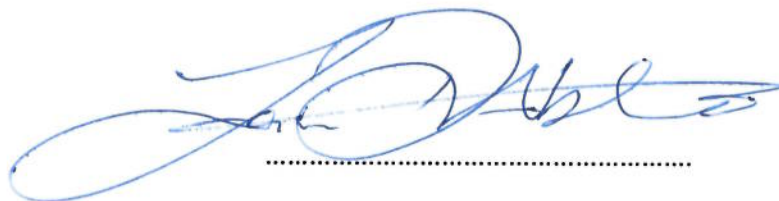
5. Partnership Working Arrangements

5.1 The Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner presented the report to the Board, updating on the progress of discussions around the emerging partnership landscape which had undergone significant change and how this impacts Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs).

5.2 The Board noted and endorsed the direction described in the report. The Board also noted that CSPs are being asked to work with the emerging Living Well Partnerships.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 10:30 at Police Headquarters.

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Jason Ablewhite

