

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2019 at 10.00am

WATERSIDE TOWER

PRESENT:

- Mr Colm McKenna (Chair)
- Mr John Blair
- Mrs Joanne Bunting
- Prof Brice Dickson
- Mrs Linda Dillon
- Mr Philip McGuigan
- Mr Gary Middleton
- (1) Mr Mervyn Storey
- (2) Mrs Wendy Osborne

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Adrian McNamee, Director of Partnership
5 Board Officials

(1) Item number 6.1 (arrived 10.00am and left 11.30am)
(2) Item numbers 6.1 and 6.2 (left at 12.30pm)
John Blair left the meeting at 12:50pm and returned at 12:55pm

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for the meeting were received from Mrs Dolores Kelly. It was agreed to move Agenda Item 6.1 to the start of the meeting to facilitate a Committee visit to Grosvenor Road Police Station.

6.1 The Committee attended a presentation in Grosvenor Road police station by T/ACC Barbara Gray and Senior Officers from the Paramilitary Crime Task Force (PCTF). Discussion took place around:

- Links between the Organised Crime Task Force (OCTF) and the PCTF;
- Clarification on the role of MI5;
- Potential overlap between the organisations involved;
- The legal tools available to HMRC and the NCA and their current use in NI; and
- Impacts and successes of the teams' work.

The Committee returned to Waterside Tower at 11.30am for the remainder of the meeting and Vice Chair Colm McKenna took the Chair and commenced Committee business.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair asked Members to declare any conflicts of interests arising from the agenda. No Conflicts of Interest were declared. **NOTED**

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Committee considered the draft minutes of the Partnership Committee meeting held on 17 October 2019 and Members requested that the minutes are amended at 6.2 to read applicants for the Police Property Fund should be constituted and that apologies are recorded for Wendy Osborne. **NOTED.**

4. UPDATE ON ACTION LOG:

The Director of Partnership provided Members with an update on the Committee's rolling action log, and proposed that in relation to 3.1, 3.6 and 3.7;

- There will be no presentations at the Committee meeting of 19th December 2019 due to the timing of the Board meeting;
- At the Committee meeting of 23rd January 2020, the local Policing Review and Independent Reporting Commission will be invited to present;
- T/ACC Barbara Gray will be invited to the Committee meeting on 20th February 2020 to facilitate further discussion on the Paramilitary Crime Task Force.

Members agreed to the proposals. In relation to 8.8, the Director of Partnership advised the Committee that PSNI will fund the Stephen Lawrence Bursary for £1,700, however, as it is a donation, they are seeking DoJ approval for this. Also Sgt Andy George, PSNI has recently been appointed as Vice President of the National Black Police Association for the UK. Members requested that a letter of congratulations is sent to Sgt Andy George from the Committee **(AP1)**.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

In relation to the letter of response from T/ACC Barbara Gray

It was:-

AGREED

- To invite T/ACC Gray to the February Committee meeting to discuss further **(AP2)**.

6. ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.2 Policing Plan Report on Measures 3.3.1 and 3.3.2

The Police Performance Monitoring Officer provided a summary of the analysis work relating to PSNI performance against the Policing Plan 2019/20 in regards to measures 3.3.1 and 3.3.2; the Joint Agency Task Force (JATF) and the PCTF. Areas highlighted included:

- The JATF continues to work in six areas, with two key issues being the uncertainty of Brexit and potential exploitation of Brexit in relation to criminal activity;
- The PSNI report lacks evidence of impact and focuses on activity rather than results; and
- Information is not being provided in relation to Financing and Staffing indicators.

Members discussed:-

- The importance of getting the relevant information from PSNI in order to report against the current Policing Plan; and
- The quality of the report and information contained there-in was welcomed but it was acknowledged that the full impact for communities is not clear.

It was:-

AGREED

- The Police Performance Monitoring Officer will review the key issues identified in the report and compile a list of questions for PSNI **(AP3)**;
- Members will identify questions in relation to the report and forward to the Director of Partnership by 17th January 2020 **(AP4)**;
- Officials to upload the presentation by the PCTF onto Share Point **(AP5)**; and
- Ascertain what types of cases are processed as part of the Indicatable Cases Process (ICP) and if the ICP is used across all regions **(AP6)**.

6.3 Police Property Fund

The Chair introduced the item and The Director of Partnership provided Members with updated implementation arrangements following requested amendments by Members in October. A Member requested that the wording around PCSP engagement should be removed to avoid confusion and that a box would be inserted into the application form to allow applicants to advise if they have engaged with or are collaborating with PCSPs as part of their proposal.

It was:-

AGREED

- That PCSP involvement should be added to the application form only through a tick box **(AP7)**;

- That a timetable for implementation of the Small Grants Scheme be drafted and provided for Committee consideration at the December meeting **(AP8)**; and
- A Communications Plan for the Fund would be presented at the January Committee meeting **(AP9)**.

6.4 **PCSP Recruitment**

The Partnership Manager provided an update in relation to the PCSP recruitment and moving into Stage 3 of the process. A Member sought clarification around the number of times an Independent Member can sit on a PCSP.

The Partnership Manager advised that there is currently no limit to the number of tenures that an Independent Member can serve and that any change to this may require an addition to the legislation and/or to the Code of Practice for PCSPs.

The Partnership Manager also advised that a paper will be going to the Board at their December meeting to seek participation on the appointment panels. It is planned that these panels would be trained during January in order to sit during February.

6.5 **Volunteering In Policing**

The Director of Partnership introduced the paper and provided Members with background information on the opportunities around developing volunteering in policing in NI. Members discussed the following:

- Risk to volunteers;
- The next steps and agreed that 2/3 Members should attend the study visit to England;
- Research might be useful in this area;

- Other volunteer groups that might be worth exploring including the Community Rescue Service, Community Safety Wardens and Street Pastors; and
- Any volunteer schemes should focus on safety rather than policing to address any security risks.

It was:-

AGREED

- Officials will explore opportunities for the groups mentioned to share best practice with Members **(AP10)**.

7. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

Members recommended that the following question is passed to the Chief Constable:

In relation to the Paramilitary Crime Task Force, can the Chief Constable advise why the PSNI has not adopted the use of the national scale to measure its disruptive effect on organised crime and if a “negatively impacted” assessment is to be included in future monitoring and reporting?

8. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

The Communications Manager advised that there will be some social media posts around the visit to Grosvenor Road Police Station. These will be actioned with careful consideration of purdah.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Director of Partnership provided information around the NIAS new Clinical Response Model.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 19 December 2019.

(Meeting closed at 1:20pm).

**PARTNERSHIP DIRECTORATE
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Chairperson

