

PCC/Bristol CC Community Safety Liaison meetings
Notes of meeting of 11th August 2016

Attendees: PCC Sue Mountstevens (SM); Councillor Margaret Hickman (MH);
Director of Neighbourhoods Alison Comely (AC); John Smith (JS); Marc Hole (MHo);
Jon Reilly (JR)

1. Police and Crime Plan and Local Bristol Plan

SM described the priorities, the Police and Crime Plan and the timetable for delivery of the umbrella plan, being September 2016. MH/AC agreed to provide comments on the priorities and the draft Police and Crime Plan. It was also agreed that Bristol and the PCC's office would work together on a local plan for Bristol with the aim of that being in place for April 2017.

Action: JS/MHo to provide a timetable and meeting schedule involving AC and JR for development on Bristol local plan.

2. Hate Crime

JR gave an update on the work the Constabulary and the Council are doing around hate crime in the city post EU referendum including the work of the tension monitoring group.

3. Budget Issues and PCSOs

AC gave an update on the current budget pressures facing the Council and that all aspects of the budget would have to be reviewed. SM confirmed she is very supportive of PCSOs and is not looking to make any reductions elsewhere however if BCC are not able to continue funding PCSOs it is unlikely the police would be able to find any extra funds to make up any reduced numbers. The PCC is also supportive of joined up working between police and council teams including enforcement – though it was acknowledged that this should not be at the expense of the PCSOs community focused role.

4. PCC Community Safety funding

There was also a discussion about PCC Community Safety funding. The overall community safety budget for the PCC is approximately £4.5m – a break down of the different amounts was provided. The PCC is looking to prioritise funding within that budget in line with the priorities in the Police and Crime Plan, in particular Vulnerability and CSE/CSA. This may mean reductions in the overall community safety grant – though it is not intended that the whole community safety grant or the YOT monies would be discontinued. The PCC is open to a longer term approach to these funding pots and removing any ring fence so that local areas can propose projects based on the agreed priorities.

5. City Office/Joint Commissioning/Partnership working

The PCC reconfirmed her commitment to being involved with the City Office. There was also a discussion about Estates. The PCC is very supportive of a joint approach at Southmead, utilising Southmead House. JR said the Constabulary were also supportive of this solution.

AC agreed to follow up with relevant individuals from the Council.

JR gave an update on the latest position at Trinity, including the intention to retain a police base on the current site along with some Housing Association development.

There was also a discussion about Kenneth Steele House and the potential for a renewable fuel standby generator to be installed on some spare ground at the back of the Kenneth Steele House facility. The PCC agreed to consider some of the concerns raised particularly around the potential impact on local schools.

6. Representative Workforce and Bristol Race Manifesto

The next meeting of the Officers group is taking place on the 18th August. It was agreed that JS would represent the PCC and that briefings would be provided to the PCC and the Mayor on the work of the group from time to time. There was also discussion about local engagement with the Black Lives Matters group. And the work of the stop and search scrutiny panel. The PCC said it would be possible for the panel to look at police's body worn video recordings in relation to stop and search once these are rolled out across the Force.

7. Future of Youth Offending

JR raised concerns as Chair of the Bristol Youth Offending Management Board about the reductions in funding by probation and other partners and the ongoing sustainability of the Youth Offending Team. This was to be considered in light of the [REDACTED] review and the ongoing funding discussions.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting with the Mayor and Assistant Mayor is planned for 29th September 2016. The PCC asked if Estates representatives from Bristol City Council and the Constabulary could be available to discuss some of the joint Estates opportunities at that meeting.

Action: Estates representatives to attend the next meeting.