

## Notes of Bristol City Council Mayor/PCC meeting

22nd August 2018 – 13:30 – 15:00

**Attendees:** PCC Sue Mountstevens; Mayor Marvin Rees; Deputy Mayor Asher Craig; Patsy Mellor; Gary Davies; Chief Constable Andy Marsh; [REDACTED]; John Smith

- 1) Discussion about Early Intervention Youth Fund bids and Bristol Gang Strategy** – The Home Office has launched an Early Intervention Youth Fund of £22 million over two years to tackle the root causes of violence and prevent young people from getting involved in crime. Bids must be submitted by 13<sup>th</sup> September. [REDACTED] from the OPCC attended the meeting to give an update on the OPCC's approach and tabled a briefing document setting out the Home Office expectation of OPCC's and the Avon & Somerset approach whereby the OPCC is happy to offer support to bids but partners will need to identify a named lead to develop and write the bid. It will also be necessary for the partnership lead to write the quarterly returns and undertake the evaluation over the course of the two years of the grant. The OPCC will then submit the financials and maintain an overview of how the work is developing over the course of the funding period, via liaison with the named partnership leads. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from the Bristol Youth Offending Team and Deputy Mayor Asher Craig set out the Council's approach and the various different aspects of their programme. It was agreed that they would provide a draft bid to the OPCC for consideration by the end of August 2018. They confirmed that Bristol City Council had nominated a lead bid writer and would provide the ongoing support.

Chief Inspector [REDACTED] ran through a series of projects and initiatives that he and his team had been working on, focussed on Breaking the Cycle of Crime and giving people potentially at the risk of turning to crime early intervention opportunities and alternative pathways including working with Key for Life, providing bespoke mentoring with young people and a Call in process based on a project that had been successfully utilised working with gangs and young people in America.

Deputy Mayor Craig then also set out the work that had been carried out by Bristol City Council on a Gang Strategy in Bristol. It was agreed that Bristol City Council would support the various initiatives set out by Gary Haskins and that Gary would liaise with Asher about the support that would be required and Stuart Pattinson. It was also agreed that Bristol City Council and Avon & Somerset Police would join up their activity to result in a single Bristol Gang Strategy – this would be picked up as a piece of work by Safer Bristol and we would aim to have a joint strategy in place by the end of the calendar year.

**Actions** – Joint Bid to be drafted by BCC and approved and submitted by OPCC.  
- Safer Bristol to take on development of Joint Gang Strategy for Bristol.

- 2) Update on budget** – the Mayor and the PCC updated on respective high level budget positions. It was agreed that there would be a joint budget meeting amongst officers as part of the budget planning process.

**Action** – joint finance planning meeting to be held between officers – PM/JS.

- 3) **St Pauls Carnival** – the Mayor and the PCC agreed that the Carnival had been a success and that their respective offices were working on a rewards process to recognise the hard work of the various teams from the different agencies in putting this together.

**Action** – joint recognition event to be organised by PCC and Mayor's offices.

- 4) **Van dwelling issues in Bristol** – The issue of van dwellers in various residential areas in Bristol seem to have calmed down and there wasn't as much community tension as previously. There had been issues with various travelling communities establishing themselves in different areas across Bristol, including on the Downs, on the Link Road and on Stadium approach.

- 5) **PCC budget proposals** – the PCC is currently engaged in a precept consultation process. It is intended that subject to support being provided by local people the PCC will proceed with a further £12 a year increase to the Council Tax precept level for 2019/20 and this will support recruiting up to the budgeted level of police officers and staff and maintaining that level throughout the rest of the PCCs term, specific investments in burglary and drugs. The Mayor repeated his offer of support with the recruitment events similar to the ones previously held for magistrates. Chief Constable Marsh agreed to consult with his recruitment team and respond as soon as possible.

**Action** - CCAM to forward offer of joint event to ASC HR team.

- 6) **Anti-Social Behaviour in Broadmead and the Bear Pit** – Patsy Mellor set out her description of some of the issues around Anti-Social Behaviour in Broadmead and the Bear Pit and her proposals for joint work including Bristol City Council, the police and the Bristol Business Improvement District Team. The police acknowledge the issues and confirm that they would provide their full support to the joint problem solving initiative recommended by Patsy Mellor. Patsy agreed to meet up with Andy Bennett as soon as possible and to agree the joint approach. The PCC and the Mayor asked for regular updates on this work. It was intended that once the task force was up and running a joint briefing could be provided by that team to the Mayor and the PCC.

**Action** – joint briefing on Broadmead and Bear Pit joint working to be provided to Mayor and PCC at relevant time.

- 7) **Community Engagement and Race Relations issues in Bristol** – [REDACTED] and Andy Marsh set out a series of initiatives that the police have been working on being supported by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and other key community leaders. The Mayor had been engaging regularly with the Chief Constable over these issues and they were going to continue this discussion.

At this point the Mayor had to leave the meeting but it continued with the Deputy Mayor.

- 8) **Lammy Review work** - The Agency work led by the police in relation to the Lammy Review was discussed. The current member of staff engaged on this work has been head hunted for another senior post. It was agreed that John Smith

would progress with a replacement recruitment strategy and brief Deputy Mayor Craig and involve her in the process if possible.

- 9) **Future meetings** - it was agreed these meetings should take place quarterly going forwards and that CCAM should aim to attend every other meeting.