

MINUTES OF MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Service Executive Board

DATE: 18th December 2013

TIME: 09:40am

LOCATION: Main Conference Room, Brooklyn

CHAIRPERSON: Chief Constable

ATTENDEES:

Deputy Chief Constable	J Gillespie
ACC Crime Operations	D Harris
ACC Operational Support Department	S Martin
ACC Service Improvement Department	M Hamilton
ACC Human Resources	A Finlay
Director of Finance & Support Services	D Best

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Head of Corporate Communications	L Young
Head of Command Secretariat	Superintendent R Henderson
Head of Legal Services	D Scott
Head of Finance	M McNaughten
Planning and Governance	S.Hagen
Planning and Governance	EO2 Command Secretariat
Note Taker	ASO Command Secretariat

		ACTION
Quorum Check		Noted
1.0	<p>125/13 Welcome & Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The Chief Constable opened the meeting at 9:40 and thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>A quorum was noted.</p> <p>Apologies were accepted from ACC Urban and ACC Rural.</p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th November 2013 were accepted.</p> <p>Papers for all items were circulated to members prior to the meeting to allow reading time.</p>	
2.0	<p>126/13 Actions arising from previous meetings</p> <p>The following actions from the meeting on 20th November 2013 were noted as ongoing.</p> <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Corporate plan and Delivery Groups to programme boards – ACTION: Deputy Chief Constable</p> <p>Examine ToR's for Leadership and training programme Board – ACTION: ACC Operational Support Department</p> <p>117/13 Monthly Performance Brief including Security Statistics</p> <p>Further analysis on reports of oppressive behaviour – ACTION: ACC Service Improvement</p> <p>119/13 Draft of the Policing Plan for 2014 -</p>	<p>To be brought back before SEB in January 2014 – Deputy Chief Constable</p>

	<p>2017</p> <p>Views to be sought from SEB members on classification of sectarian incidents – ACTION: ACC Service improvement</p> <p>PSNI response to Domestic violence allegations examined - ACTION: ACC Service Improvement</p> <p>All other items were noted as being completed.</p>	
<p>3.0</p>	<p>127/13 Monthly Performance Brief including Security Statistics</p> <p>Dympna Thornton, Planning and Governance, and Tony Mathewson, Statistics Branch joined the meeting at 9:50.</p> <p>An overview of the policing plan performance Summary for the period, 1st April 2013 – 16th December 2013 was presented by Dympna Thornton.</p> <p>With regard to levels of confidence in Local police, the most recent findings from the NI Crime Survey on Perceptions of Policing, Justice and ASB were published on 26th September 2013. Across the last 8 quarters, levels of confidence in local police have ranged between 63.0% and 66%. The most recent quarterly figure (66%) is the highest figure since recording of this measure commenced.</p> <p>The monthly figure for levels of crime in November 2013 is 8,715. This is 313 fewer crimes recorded than in the previous month. The current Most Similar Group (MSG) figures for Crime show the rate of crime per 1,000 in Northern Ireland almost 5% lower than that in England & Wales, and PSNI are below 4 out of 5 of our MSG colleagues.</p> <p>The number of incidents of Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) recorded in November 2013 was the lowest in the last three years. The current figure of 9.7% of people perceiving high ASB levels in their local area is the lowest quarterly figure since recording in this way began in 2009.</p>	

With regard to burglaries, across the rolling 12 months there has been a decrease in the numbers of burglaries recorded across the service with 6 out of the 8 Districts showing reductions in crimes of this type. Although the number of burglaries and robberies where older people are victims has increased when FYTD figures are compared to PFYTD, the number of such crimes recorded in November 2013 shows a 16% reduction on the number recorded for October 2013. PSNI continue to maintain the lowest figure of crimes of this type per 1,000 of the population when compared to the England and Wales average as well as to our MSG colleagues.

In relation to the number of people killed and/or seriously injured on the Roads, there have been 41 Fatal Road Traffic incidents in the period from the start of this financial year to the date of this report - an increase of 2 on the same period last year. There has been a decrease in the numbers of children and young people killed or seriously injured in both the current calendar year and the FYTD.

Allegations of incivility continue to decrease in number, with the most recent FYTD figures provided showing a 10.9% reduction in the FYTD compared to PFYTD. Allegations of Failure in Duty and Oppressive Behaviour account for the majority of complaints, although Failure in Duty allegations are 5% lower than the 5 year average. The time spent by each officer on patrol in November 2013 shows an increase of almost 5% compared to the March 2012 baseline figure, and an increase of almost 2% on the figure recorded in last month's report.

The most recent figures show a total of 151 Organised Crime Gang's, identified as being involved in organised criminality across Northern Ireland, they are currently being monitored on a monthly basis. There have been 8 more interventions in the period from 31st October 2013 to 30th November 2013, and the combined value of cash seizures and confiscation orders in that period is almost £200,000.

	<p>An update was also provided on the Commitments report, which showed little change from the previous month.</p> <p>Discussion around officers updating victims within ten days. It was agreed that a stricter compliance check up system be introduced and if necessary disciplinary action be taken against officers.</p> <p>The latest statistics on the security situation were also provided. One less death this year compared to last year. Shooting incidents had reduced by 16. However, bomb incidents had increased by 29. The total number of attacks against police had increased by 5.</p> <p>The number of persons stopped and searched under all powers this year has increased by 3%.</p> <p>The latest security situation in the run up to Christmas was discussed.</p>	<p>Oversight regime for compliance of Commitment 4B be introduced – ACC Service Improvement</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>119/13 Final Draft of the Policing Plan for 2014-2017</p> <p>Dympna Thornton, Planning and Governance, and Tony Mathewson, Statistics Branch briefed the meeting on current discussions with officials from Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB), and set out the areas for further discussion.</p> <p>Amendments were agreed in relation to:</p> <p>Anti Social Behaviour – to work in partnership with other agencies to maintain the reduction of people who perceive ASB to be high in their local area.</p> <p>Targeted Patrolling Activities – the wording can change to “Visible and Focused Neighbourhood Policing”</p> <p>Rape Crime – A continued reduction was not agreed due to previous reductions that have occurred.</p> <p>Victims of Child Sexual Exploitation – this can be included as a separate bullet point.</p>	

	<p>Overall Crime – to include a reduction target conflict with the desire to increase crime reporting. The measure should be to monitor and assess the number of reported crimes and report to the Board on police action to reduce crime.</p> <p>The agreed changes would be forwarded to NIPB by the end of the following week.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the NIPB use of SMART targets.</p> <p>Dympna Thornton left the meeting at 10:40.</p>	
<p>8.0</p>	<p>131/13 Recorded Crime: Home Office proposal to introduce an additional 9 crime outcomes</p> <p>Item 8 was taken out of order.</p> <p>Tony Mathewson, Statistics Branch presented the paper, which had previously been circulated.</p> <p>He briefed the meeting on the latest Home Office position in England and Wales since the last time that this item had come before the Service Executive Board.</p> <p>The resourcing and technological implications of following England and Wales was discussed and also the implications for ServiceFirst.</p> <p>Meeting agreed that subject to affordability that PSNI would follow the Home Office proposal from April 2015.</p> <p>Tony Mathewson left the meeting at 10:50.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p>120/13 Corporate Expenditure Report</p> <p>The Head of Finance presented the Corporate Financial Reports as at the end of November 2013.</p> <p>An overall pressure of £54.2M was reported at the end of November (excluding Hearing Loss and Ring-fenced items), largely reflecting significant pressures of £42.5m on recoverable G8 expenditure, £8.4m police overtime, £6.4m</p>	

	<p>mutual aid costs, £3.7m HET and £2.5m payment of provisions, offset by net easements of £9.3m in corporate non-pay and other pay budgets.</p> <p>A full year overspend of £55.8m was projected, reflecting pressures in recoverable G8 expenditure of £43.5m, £9.5m police overtime, £6.4m mutual aid costs, £5.7m HET payment of provisions of £3.0m, offset by other net easements of £12.3m.</p> <p>Excluding G8 costs, a full year pressure of £12.3m is currently projected. Access to the PSNI reserve of £5m and funding for G8 costs incurred in 2012/13 of £2.4m are expected in the January Monitoring – Part 2 outcome. This will further reduce the pressure to £4.9m.</p> <p>It was agreed to continue the downward pressure on costs and to closely monitor the projected out-turn. A decision on firm contingency actions will be considered at the SEB meeting in January 2014.</p>	
6.0	<p>129/13 Review of Security Costs - Draft</p> <p>The Head of Finance briefed the meeting on draft paper that had previously been circulated. He stated that this review of security costs follows on from recommendations made by HMIC in their 2010 inspection, the CJINI report Finding the Balance (2013), and the more recent internal Review of Resilience and Capability.</p> <p>Discussion ensued around the definition of security costs and various amendments were agreed for the final version.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the final version be shared with Security Interface Meeting, Audit and Risk Committee and NIPB.</p> <p>Meeting took a 10 minute break at 11:15.</p>	
7.0	<p>130/13 IP13 – Draft MTR Plan</p> <p>The Head of Finance briefed the meeting on the draft paper that had previously been circulated.</p>	

	<p>The purpose of this draft paper was to provide details of proposals to achieve a balanced budget for 2014/15 (the last year of the current spending review) and project forward resource requirements for the next 4 years i.e. to 2018/19.</p> <p>The draft paper was discussed and various amendments were agreed and noted. In particular it was questioned if the £38.4 million of gross efficiencies will be delivered by the Service First programme.</p> <p>With regard to the future of Mutual aid it was agreed that the Chief Constable would write to Police Scotland to propose that a working group was established to identify closer ties in areas on mutual benefit.</p> <p>Final version of paper to be brought before future SEB.</p>	<p>Police Scotland to be contacted regarding establishment of Mutual benefit working group – Chief Constable</p>
<p>9.0</p>	<p>132/13 NIPB Corporate Plan 2014-2017</p> <p>The Chief Constable briefed the meeting on the paper circulated from NIPB asking for the views of external stakeholders on their corporate plan.</p> <p>Discussion ensued on NIPB statutory responsibilities.</p> <p>The Paper was noted by members.</p> <p>D Scott left the meeting at 12:30.</p>	
<p>10.0</p>	<p>133/13 Winsor Proposals</p> <p>ACC Human Resources presented the paper that had previously been circulated. The history and position of the Department of Justice was discussed.</p> <p>Extensive discussion over various proposals. The PSNI corporate position contained in the table in the papers for the meeting was agreed and noted to be the adopted PSNI position.</p>	

	Matter to be taken forward by ACC Human Resources.	
11.0	<p>134/13 - Update for of Communication Programme Board</p> <p>ACC Crime Operations updated the meeting that the next Communications programme board was now due to be held in January 2014 and a fuller update would be provided after this date.</p> <p>ACC Crime Operations updated the meeting on the new PSNI App. It was noted that this was getting good reviews and usage.</p> <p>The Head of Corporate Communications updated the meeting on the 101 telephone number, which is due to come into effect in March 2014.</p>	
12.0	<p>135/13 Any Other Business</p> <p>ACC Human Resources updated the meeting of recent discussions with Department of Justice on the PSNI Service medal.</p> <p>The Deputy Chief Constable informed the meeting that the Cross Border strategy was currently being refreshed.</p>	
	The meeting ended at 13:20	

Date of Next Meeting 15th January 2014