

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Service Executive Board

DATE: 20 November 2013

TIME: 09:45am

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 Rural Region	G Hamilton
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	Rep by L Barnett
Head of Command Secretariat	Superintendent R Henderson
Head of Legal Services	D Scott
Head of Service Improvement Branch	Chief Superintendent C Noble
Planning and Governance	D Thornton
Planning and Governance	J Passmore
Note Taker	EO2 Command Secretariat
Note Taker	ASO Command Secretariat

		ACTION
Quorum Check		Noted
1.0	<p>115/13 Welcome & Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The Deputy Chief Constable opened the meeting at 9:45 and thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>A quorum was noted.</p> <p>Apologies were accepted from ACC Urban and the Head of Corporate Governance.</p> <p>Item 8 was withdrawn prior to the meeting and an extraordinary Service Executive Board would convene at a future date on this issue.</p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 October 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>116/13 Actions arising from previous meetings</p> <p>The following actions from the meeting on 16th October 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>To be brought back before SEB in January 2014 – Deputy Chief Constable</p> <p>Members to provide feedback for the next meeting which is scheduled to take place on 12 December 2013 – ACC Human Resources</p>

	<p>105/13 Corporate Expenditure Report</p> <p>Funding of Mutual aid and HET to be discussed with Department of Justice – ACTION: Director of Finance and Support Services</p> <p>All other items were noted as being completed.</p>	
<p>3.0</p>	<p>117/13 Monthly Performance Brief including Security Statistics</p> <p>Dympna Thornton, Planning and Governance, Tony Mathewson, Statistics Branch and Jennifer Bailie, Planning and Governance joined the meeting at 9:50.</p> <p>An overview of the policing plan performance Summary for the period, 1st April to 15th November 2013 was presented.</p> <p>Across the last 8 quarters, for overall levels of confidence in local police have ranged between 63.0% and 66%. The most recent quarterly figure (66%) is the highest quarterly figure since recording of this measure commenced.</p> <p>The monthly figure for levels of crime in October 2013 is 9,067. This is 1,038 more crimes than the figures for September 2013. The current Most Similar Group (MSG) figures for Crime show the rate of crime per 1,000 in Northern Ireland almost 5% lower than the England & Wales rate, and PSNI are below 4 out of 5 of our MSG colleagues.</p> <p>The rolling 12 month figure for Anti Social Behaviour up to the end of October 2013 is at its lowest level in 18 months. 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> <p>Although burglary figures continued to reduce, there has been a slight rise in the number of burglaries in the months since August 2013. However the current figure for the rolling 12 months shows an overall downward trend and is</p>	

at the lowest level over the last 3 years depicted in the rolling 12 month trend graph. The number of burglaries and robberies where older persons are victims has increased, with the current monthly figure for October 2013 (133 incidents) higher than it has been across the last 12 months. PSNI continue to maintain the lowest figure for 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.

The outcome rate for the 12 months up to 12th November shows a decrease of 2.2% compared to the 2012/13 Financial Year figure.

There have been 37 Fatal Road Traffic incidents in the period from the start of this financial year to 15th November 2013, which is an increase of 9 on the same period last year.

Allegations of incivility continue to decrease in number, with a 5.1% reduction in the most recent 12 months. Although the rolling 12 month and FYTD figures show increases in the failure in duty and Oppressive Behaviour categories, the most recent figures provided show 61 fewer allegations of oppressive behaviour between August 2013 and September 2013, and 23 fewer allegations failure in duty allegations for the same period.

The use of police officer discretion is showing a 17.3% decrease when the most recent 12 month figure is compared to the 2012/13 Financial Year total. The time spent by each officer on patrol for October 2013 shows an increase of over 3% compared to the September 2013 figure.

The most recent figures show a total of 133 OCG's, having been identified as being involved in organised criminality across Northern Ireland are currently being monitored on a monthly basis. There are have more than 20 interventions in the period from 30th September to 31st October 2013, and the combined value of cash seizures and confiscation orders in that period is over £100000.

	<p>For non domestic violence crime with injury in October 2013, the number of crimes in this category was at the lowest level recorded in a 36 month period.</p> <p>The percentage of ASB incidents with Alcohol as a factor has remained quite consistent over the last number of months, with over at 13% of all ASB incidents.</p> <p>An update was also provided on the Commitments report which showed little change from the previous month.</p> <p>The latest statistics on the security situation were also provided. This showed an increase of 9 in the total number of incidents compared to last year. The number of bombing incidents has increased by 22 over the previous year and shootings down 16 compared to last year. There had been 16 attacks on police this year to date.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the use of discretionary disposals and the criteria being used. ACC Rural stated that accountability meetings had been held with District Commanders and that the matter had been raised. The Chief Constable stated that a meeting with Barra McGrory, PPS was to be held shortly and this would be raised with him also.</p> <p>The statistics for oppressive behaviour were also discussed and it was agreed more analysis on reasons for this needed to be carried out.</p> <p>Deputy Chief Constable commented very favourably on maintaining performance in the context of the severe DR threat and continuing public order challenges which served to divert resources from policing plan priorities. She asked that this message be conveyed to all police officers and staff.</p>	<p>Further analysis on reports of oppressive behaviour – ACC Service Improvement</p> <p>Message be conveyed to all police officers and staff – Service Executive Team</p>
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<p>4.0</p>	<p>118/13 Changes to the Corporate Risk Register</p> <p>The Chief Constable joined the meeting.</p> <p>Dympna Thornton briefed the meeting on a decision taken at the RDR Committee meeting on 14 October 2013, to add Child Sexual exploitation as a corporate risk.</p> <p>ACC Crime Operations briefed the meeting on the latest information regarding the investigation.</p> <p>This decision was approved by the committee with the risk rating changed to possible.</p>	<p>Agreed rating to be changed to reflect decision – Head of Corporate Governance</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>119/13 Draft of the Policing Plan for 2014 - 2017</p> <p>Dympna Thornton introduced the papers that had previously been circulated around the PSNI proposals for the Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2014 - 2017. She also updated the meeting on what needed to be agreed at this meeting and the process for agreeing the plan.</p> <p>Extensive discussion took place on the qualitative targets and wording of the targets. These covered draft proposals for Public confidence, professional, protective and personal policing.</p> <p>The amendments agreed were recorded and further meetings are to be held with the NIPB to progress the Policing Plan for 2014 – 2017.</p> <p>During these discussions it was agreed that how PSNI classify a sectarian incident and how PSNI record these would be examined.</p> <p>During these discussions it was agreed that further work need to be conducted on Domestic</p>	<p>Views to sought from SEB members on classification of sectarian incidents – ACC Service improvement</p>

	<p>violence and the PSNI response to withdrawal of allegations.</p> <p>Dympna Thornton, Planning and Governance, Tony Mathewson, Statistics Branch and Jennifer Bailie, Planning and Governance left the meeting at 12:00.</p> <p>Meeting then availed of a ten minute break.</p>	<p>PSNI response to Domestic violence allegations examined - ACC Service improvement</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>120/13 Corporate Expenditure Report</p> <p>The Director of Finance & Support Services presented the Corporate Financial Reports as at the end of October 2013.</p> <p>An overall pressure of £54.1m was reported at the end of October (excluding Hearing loss & ring fenced items), largely reflecting significant pressures of £42.4m on recoverable G8 expenditure, £7.7m police overtime, £6.9 mutual aid costs, £3.3m HET and £2.5m payment of provisions, offset by net easements of £8.7m in corporate non-pay and other pay budgets.</p> <p>A full year overspend of £57.9m was projected, reflecting pressures in recoverable G8 expenditure of £43.5m, £9.5m police overtime, £6.9 m mutual aid costs, £5.9m HET and payment of provisions of £2.5m, offset by other net easements of £10.4m.</p> <p>Excluding G8 costs, a full year pressure of £14.4m is currently projected access to the PSNI reserve of £5m has been requested via January monitoring, leaving the pressure to be addressed at £9.4m. Funding for G8 costs incurred in 2012/13 may further reduce this pressure, once final funding arrangements have been agreed.</p> <p>It was agreed to continue the downward pressure on costs and to closely monitor the projected outturn.</p> <p>Discussion ensued around the PSNI Financial</p>	

	Reserve and Department of Justice.	
7.0	<p>113/13 HET Options Paper</p> <p>T/D/Chief Superintendent Barnett joined the meeting at 12:30.</p> <p>The Chief Constable thanked T/D/Chief Superintendent Barnett for taking on the leadership of the Historical Enquiry Team and thanked her for the progress made so far.</p> <p>T/D/Chief Superintendent Barnett presented the options paper that had previously been circulated and the various implications of each.</p> <p>The role of the NIPB and their current position was also discussed.</p> <p>Public confidence and Families confidence in HET was discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed that Option 2 was the preferred option. It was agreed that a separate paper be written to implement agreed option.</p> <p>T/D/Chief Superintendent Barnett left the meeting at 13:00.</p>	
8.0	<p>121/13 Corporate Communications Strategy</p> <p>Due to time constraints this item was not heard and will be placed before an extra ordinary SEB at a future date.</p>	
9.0	<p>122/13 Update for Chairs of Programme Boards - Policing with the Community</p> <p>The written update that had been previously been circulated was noted by the meeting.</p>	
10.0	<p>124/13 Any Other Business</p> <p>This item was taken out of order.</p> <p>The pressures on PSNI to publicly attribute crimes to loyalist paramilitary organisations were discussed. It was agreed that this would be further discussed at the Chief Constables Discussion forum with senior colleagues.</p>	

	<p>The Head of Legal Services left the meeting at 13:15.</p> <p>ACC Crime Operations to draft principles for future guidance.</p>	<p>Draft principles for future guidance on public attribution - ACC Crime Operations</p>
11.0	<p>96/13 Restructuring of Public Protection</p> <p>Due to time constraints this item was not heard and will be placed before an extra ordinary SEB at a future date.</p>	
12.0	<p>123/13 Special Bonus Scheme</p> <p>ACC Human Resources briefed the meeting on paper previously circulated.</p> <p>Agreed that Special Bonus scheme should include Grade 5 Staff.</p>	
	<p>The meeting ended at 13:45.</p>	

Date of Next Meeting 18th December 2013