



## **ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD**

**TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST 2023 AT 9.30AM IN THE RIBBLE SUITE, COUNTY HALL, PRESTON**

### **MINUTES**

### **PRESENT**

Andrew Snowden - Police and Crime Commissioner  
Chris Rowley - Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Sacha Hatchett – Deputy Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary  
Angela Harrison – Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Pete Lawson, Assistant Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary  
Gillian Routledge – Chief Operating Officer, Lancashire Constabulary  
Sam MacKenzie – Assistant Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary  
Steve Freeman – Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Sam Cudworth – Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Dan Rogers –  
Nikki Evans, Chief Superintendent, Lancashire Constabulary  
Sandra Wiseman – Deputy Chief Finance Officer, Lancashire Constabulary  
Ian Dickinson – Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

### **APOLOGIES**

Andrew Pratt – Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner  
Russ Procter – Assistant Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

That, the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **ACTION LOG**

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was pleased to note that the actions identified at the last meeting were ongoing.



## **CURRENT AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

It was noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner had received a letter from the Home Secretary in relation to crime week.

Further, the Commissioner advised the Chief Constable that he had now met with the 14 unitary/district leaders to discuss the launch of Operation Centurion.

It was noted that the bids for the fifth round of the Government's Safer Streets Fund had now been submitted.

The Chief Constable reported that there had been a 6% reduction in all crime compared to the same period last year due to improved neighbourhood response. Further, the Chief was pleased with how the Targeted Operating Model (TOM) was bedding in.

The Police and Crime Commissioner expressed his appreciation for the work of officers in relation to the TOM.

## **FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF 30 JUNE 2023**

The Police and Crime Commissioner received a report setting out the monitoring position for the revenue budget and the capital programme at 30 June 2023.

Accordingly, the Police and Crime Commissioner:

- Noted the Revenue budget monitoring report for 30 June 2023.
- Noted the position on the capital programme for 2023/24
- Noted the position on reserves.

## **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting was the 7 November 2023.

## **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

That the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during the consideration of the following Items of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as indicated against the heading to the Item, and the public interest not to disclose it outweighed the public interest in disclosing it.



## **PART II – PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

### **PROGRESS AGAINST POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PRIORITIES 2021 – 2025**

The PCC received a report setting out the Constabulary's progress against the priorities and measures set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

#### **LANCASHIRE FORENSIC SCIENCE ACADEMY**

The Police and crime Commissioner received a report in relation to the partnership collaboration between the PCC, Lancashire Constabulary and University of Central Lancashire to deliver the Lancashire Forensic Science Academy (LFSA).

The Police and Crime Commissioner agreed the recommendation as set out in the report now presented.

#### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE MUSEUM**

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable received and considered the Police Museum Annual Report June 2022 to May 2023.

It was noted that the Museum had enjoyed an excellent first year and had attracted many visitors.

Both the Commissioner and Chief Constable recognised the contribution of Sabine Skae and Paula Duxbury to the success of the museum and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to them both.

Accordingly, the Commissioner and the Chief Constable approved the Lancashire Police Museum Annual Report 2022-2023.

#### **ESTATE RESOURCING AND SCHEME PROGRESS**

The Police and Crime Commissioner received a presentation setting out the demand and challenges facing the Estates Department in relation to a number of key projects and the current resource position.

##### **Resourcing**

It was noted that vacancies within the Constabulary's Estates Department was currently running high. The Department had been working closely with HR to robustly manage vacancies and recruitment processes.



However, it was recognised that the challenges remained, and support was now being sought to target where the vacancies exist.

Accordingly, the Commissioner has agreed to allocate £500K to the capital programme for the provision of enabling posts within the Constabulary's Estate Department.

### **Greenbank Police Station**

The Commissioner received an update report setting out a number of options to address current Health and Safety issues in respect of the maintenance of Greenbank Police Station

Accordingly, the Commissioner has approved the installation of a cladding solution to the exterior of the building at an estimated cost of £350,000. It was noted that the tender process would allow the Constabulary to determine exact costings before finally approving the works.

The Commissioner was reminded that this work has been included in the 2023/24 Accommodation Strategy planned capital programme and a budget of £1.06m has been identified for Greenbank improvement works. This work will be funded from that budget allocation.

Additionally, it was agreed that officers were asked to reprofile the capital programme in relation to Greenbank and present the revised capital programme to the Commissioner through the next finance monitoring report.

### **Pendle Briefing Base**

The Commissioner received an update report on the phasing out of Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) Vehicles, and the introduction of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging provision as they impact on the progress of building Pendle Police Station.

Accordingly, the Commissioner has approved the installation of the additional infrastructure to provide charging points charge at a minimum power of 22kWh at a cost of £160K.

### **Critical Police Infrastructure Programme**

The Commissioner received an update report on the progress of the Critical Policing Infrastructure Programme since the submission of the planning application to the Local Planning Authority.

The report also set out several recommendations for the Commissioner to consider and decide upon, which impact on the Planning Application and seek to mitigate time impacts caused by the planning application process.



Accordingly, in noting the progress of the Critical Policing Infrastructure Programme, the Commissioner has approved £144,763 of additional budget to the scheme due to programme change in order to mitigate the impact caused by the planning application process as set out in the report now presented.

Further, in order to maintain programme momentum and the retention of allocated resources on the programme the Commissioner has approved the early release of £2,314,713 to enable the commencement of a work package as set out in the report now presented. Irrespective of the planning application, this work package includes work that needs to be done to the estate and it is merely being brought forward at this time and is not contingent on planning matters.

### **New Chorley police station**

The Commissioner received an update in relation to the new Chorley Police Station.

It was recognised that there had been a delay in progressing the project following the purchase of the building for various reasons. However, the Commissioner was advised that the Constabulary was now ready to proceed to the design stage and seek budget approval from the Commissioner. It was noted that the indicative cost for the scheme was considered to be £18.2M

Accordingly, the Commissioner has agreed to proceed to the design stage and agreed that the revised forecast for the scheme be reflected in the Capital Programme. Officers have been requested to revert back to the PCC at the next gateway point once the design tender has been received.

### **INSPECTIONS, AUDITS AND REVIEWS**

The Police and Crime Commissioner received an update in relation to several inspections and audits which were currently underway.

Angela Harrison  
Chief Executive