



ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

**TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 12:30PM IN LANCASHIRE POINT
(LP1 09), CHRIST CHURCH PRECINCT, COUNTY HALL, PRESTON**

PRESENT

Clive Grunshaw - Police and Crime Commissioner
Sacha Hatchett - Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary

IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Mackenzie - Deputy Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary
Karen Edwards - Acting Assistant Chief Constable
Mark Winstanley - Acting Assistant Chief Constable
Claire Cooper-Moore - Superintendent, Lancashire Constabulary
Duncan Arthur - Inspector, Lancashire Constabulary
Gillian Routledge - Chief Operating Officer, Lancashire Constabulary
Dan Rogers - Chief Financial Officer, Lancashire Constabulary

Steve Freeman – Interim Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Rachel Whittle - Head of Communication and Engagement, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Ian Dickinson - Head of Governance and Accountability, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Richard Harrison - Performance and Scrutiny Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Commissioner welcomed all to the meeting and set the scene for the proposed methodology for the Accountability Board meetings going forward.

The Commissioner wished to place on record his thanks for the work that had been undertaken to produce the reports included on the agenda and the responses to the questions submitted prior to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from ACC Philip Davies.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising were brought to the Board's attention for consideration.

ACTION LOG

The Commissioner's Performance and Scrutiny Officer ran through the actions from the previous meeting, with updates provided by various members of the Board. Each action was explained to be completed bar those that were ongoing and longer-term.

CURRENT AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Commissioner outlined that discussions relating to the Police Reform Bill had indicated the Government's propensity towards exploring the viability of centralisation, which current understanding suggested may be data driven. It was highlighted that questions had been raised concerning the proposition due to the nuances and challenges in each Force area meaning a holistic national approach would be difficult to achieve. It was explained that discussions were ongoing in relation to this matter.

In terms of the Devolution Bill, the Commissioner stated that a White Paper was anticipated at the end of the month outlining proposed revisions, and the opportunity to provide feedback via the consultation process would enable the Commissioner to submit his views.

The Chief Constable informed the Board that a recruitment process had been conducted and concluded for the position of Deputy Chief Constable, which had resulted in Sam Mackenzie being awarded the post. The Commissioner welcomed the appointment of the Deputy Chief Constable.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting was to be held on 4 February 2025.

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.

FORCE CONTROL ROOM

The Commissioner received performance statistics and an explanatory narrative in respect of the Force Control Room's performance, which included an overview of 999, 101, online reporting and Time to Arrive data. Prior to the meeting a series of questions had been submitted to the Chief Constable by the Commissioner, with all of which receiving comprehensive responses. The Commissioner wished to state on the record his satisfaction with the responses provided and his appreciation for the work that had been placed into their thorough and informative articulation.

HMIC RECOMMENDATIONS AND AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

The Commissioner received a report in respect of HMIC recommendations and areas for improvement report. The Commissioner was reassured that they had been actioned and were completed or in progress.

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2024 – 2029

The Board received the Commissioner's draft Police and Crime Plan 2024 – 2029. The Commissioner and Chief Constable discussed its contents with both parties satisfied with the commitments and plans outlined.

CURRENT AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Commissioner and Chief Constable discussed current and significant issues further to those outlined in Part 1 of the Board meeting.

Mr. Steve Freeman
Interim Chief Executive