



## ITEM 4

### ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

**WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 2PM IN CABINET ROOM B COUNTY HALL PRESTON**

### MINUTES

### PRESENT

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

### IN ATTENDANCE

Angela Harrison – Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Steve Freeman – Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Andrew Pratt – Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner  
Sacha Hatchett – Deputy Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary  
Ian Dawson – Assistant Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary  
Pete Lawson – Assistant Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary  
Russ Procter – Assistant Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary  
Steve Freeman – Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Dan Rodgers – Chief Finance Officer, Lancashire Constabulary  
Gillian Routledge – Chief Operating Officer, Lancashire Constabulary  
Sam McKenzie – Chief Superintendent, Lancashire Constabulary  
Sue Clark – Violence Reduction Network  
David Oldfield – Chief Inspector, Lancashire Constabulary  
Duncan Arthur – Chief Inspector, Lancashire Constabulary  
Ian Dickinson – Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Sam Cudworth – Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

### APOLOGIES

No apologies were presented

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.



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### **ACTION LOG**

The Police and Crime Commissioner was pleased to note that all the actions identified at the last meeting had either been completed or were to be addressed during the meeting and there are no actions outstanding.

### **CURRENT AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

There were no issues raised in Part I of the meeting.

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

In respect of the HMICFRS Inspections, it was noted that the PEEL report for Lancashire Constabulary had now been published.

It was further noted that HMICFRS had also published a thematic Inspection report in relation to Vetting.

The Commissioner was advised that the HMICFRS Inspection in relation to Serious Organised Crime was expected to take place in February 2023.

The Constabulary was also preparing for an unannounced Inspection in relation to Custody.

### **FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

The Police and Crime Commissioner received a report setting out the Financial Position as 30 September 2022.

In noting the report, the Commissioner noted the pressures on the constabulary overtime and agency staff budgets and was advised that it is forecast that the budget will be brought back in to balance by the end of the financial year.

The Medium-Term Financial Plan was discussed in detail, however, it was noted that the Government's Autumn Statement to be announced on the 17 November 2022 and the settlement announcement expected in December 2022 will have a further impact on the assumptions within the forecast. It was agreed to meet to discuss the impact of these announcements as part of the budget planning process.

### **JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable considered a report in setting out a new approach to the Audit Committee.



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The meeting was informed that following a review of the current governance arrangements it was recommended that the Joint Audit and Ethics Committee should

be disestablished and a new joint independent audit committee and a separate joint ethics committee should be established.

In support of the recommendation to establish the Joint Audit Committee the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable considered a draft Terms of Reference which incorporated the views of the current Joint Audit and Ethics Committee

The Police and Crime Commissioner thanked the Chief Constable

Accordingly, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable

- 1) Revoked the decision made in September 2015 to set up a Joint Audit and Ethics Committee
- 2) Approved the establishment of a Joint Audit Committee
- 3) approved the Terms of Reference for the Joint Audit Committee.

### **MUSEUM GOVERNANCE BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE**

A report was presented setting out the draft Terms of Reference for the Lancashire Police Museum Governance Board for approval upon the recommendation of the Governance Board.

It was noted that agreeing to the Terms of Reference was an important step towards museum accreditation. The UK Museum Accreditation Scheme ensures that museums manage their collections properly, engage with visitors and are governed appropriately by encouraging all museums and galleries to meet an agreed standard.

Accordingly, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable approved the Terms of Reference for the Lancashire Police Museum Governance Board.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting was the 15 February 2023.



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

#### **VIOLENCE REDUCTION NETWORK (VRN)**

The Police and Crime Commissioner received a presentation in relation to the work of the Violence Reduction Network (VRN).

It was noted that the VRN was arranging a prevention conference in January 2023. The Commissioner advised the meeting that the OPCC were arranging an Anti-Social Behaviour Conference and there may be benefit in discussions taking place with officers from the OPCC to ensure a joint approach.

#### **ICT CONSULTANCY REVIEW**

The Commissioner received a report demonstrating the value of the Constabulary's use of external consultants to drive digital transformation and deliver high profile and complex ICT projects.

In noting the report, the Police and Crime Commissioner asked if this model could be used in other business areas within the Constabulary.



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

There were no issues raised in Part II of the meeting.

### **CURRENT AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

It was noted that a review of police recruitment was being undertaken by the College of Policing.

Angela Harrison  
Chief Executive