



## **ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD**

**TUESDAY, 23 MAY 2023 AT 2.00PM IN COMMITTEE ROOM B AT 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  
Steve Freeman – Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Andrew Pratt – Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner  
Rachel Whittle – Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Dan Rogers – Chief Finance Officer, Lancashire Constabulary  
Amy Robertson – Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Nikki Evans, Chief Superintendent, Lancashire Constabulary

### **APOLOGIES**

Sam MacKenzie – Assistant Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary  
Russ Procter – Assistant Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary

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

That, subject to an amendment at item 9 on page 3 to include the words 'in 2023/24' at the end of the final sentence of paragraph 5, 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 all the actions identified at the last meeting had been completed.



## **CURRENT AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

It was noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner had released a public statement confirming that the College of Policing was now undertaking the independent review into the handling of the widely publicised missing from home investigation into Nicola Bulley.

Further, the Commissioner advised the Chief Constable that he had completed the proforma setting out Lancashire's plan in relation to the ASB hot spot pilot area funding.

It was also noted that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner had responded to the Home Office consultation in relation to Community Safety Partnerships.

As part of the continuous improvement culture the Chief Constable gave an overview of the Constabulary's progress in relation to its progress against the HMICFRS Inspections and the impact on the policing service in Lancashire from the changes in relation to the Constabulary's operating model.

## **USE OF ORDERS**

The Police and Crime Commissioner agreed to consider this item in Part II due to the nature of the discussion.

## **JOINT AUDIT AND ETHICS COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23**

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable received the Annual report from the Chair of the Joint Audit and Ethics Committee.

It was noted that the Committee was satisfied that the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable was able to take substantial assurance in respect of maintaining effective internal control, reporting on financial and other performance and in respect of risk management arrangements.

The Committee was also able to provide assurance on the way in which the Force was applying the principles of the Code of Ethics in its systems and processes and on its response to the challenges of embedding the Code of Ethics within the workforce. The Committee had been able to satisfy itself that there was a positive commitment from both the Chief Constable and the PCC to the principles of ethical behaviour.



## **LANCASHIRE POLICE MUSEUM - CONSTITUTION**

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable received a report setting out the proposed constitution of the Lancashire Police Museum.

It was noted that the Lancashire Police Museum (the Museum) which opened in June 2022, whilst only open 2 days a week currently, would benefit from receiving accreditation status.

The national accreditation scheme was run by the Arts Council and would give the public confidence that the Museum was doing the right things to manage collections properly engaging with visitors and making sure they are governed appropriately.

To build on the accreditation preparation, it was noted that a museum constitution would be required setting out the principles and rules by which the Museum would run.

Following a suggestion by the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Constable agreed to approach the Imperial War Museum for the loan of the 'Gerry Richardson' exhibition.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable approved the constitution of the Lancashire Police Museum as set out in the report now presented.

## **JOINT INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMITTEE**

The Police and Crime Commissioner received a report setting out a new approach to a Joint Independent Ethics Committee.

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 independent ethics committee should be established.

In support of the recommendation to establish the Joint Independent Ethics 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

Accordingly, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable agreed to

- 1) Revoke the decision made in September 2015 to set up a Joint Audit and Ethics Committee. (Decision 42/2015)
- 2) Approve the establishment of a Joint Independent Ethics Committee
- 3) Approve the Terms of Reference for the Joint Independent Ethics Committee.



## **INSPECTIONS, AUDITS AND REVIEWS**

In relation to HMICFRS Inspections the PCC was advised that Lancashire would be one of the 6 forces being inspected in relation to the stalking super-complaint.

It was noted that HMICFRS had now visited Lancashire in relation to the inspection of Serious and Organised Crime and the report was expected to be published later in the year.

## **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting was the 23 August 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**

### **USE OF ORDERS**

The Police and Crime Commissioner received a report in relation to the use of civil orders.

### **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.

### **STRATEGIC POLICING REQUIREMENT**

The Commissioner has considered the changes to the Strategic Policing Requirement and noted the Chief Constable's assurance of the Constabulary's current capacity, contribution and capability to meet the national Strategic Policing Requirement

### **STRATEGIC RESOURCING BOARD**

The Commissioner received a presentation setting out the Constabulary's HR Strategic Resourcing and Workforce Capabilities.



## **INSPECTIONS, AUDITS AND REVIEWS**

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

## **CURRENT AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The Police and Crime received an update in relation to the Targeted Operating Model.

Angela Harrison  
Chief Executive