

North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel



Key Messages from meeting

11 January 2018

Setting the precept for 2018/19

The Panel received a paper from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) setting out some context to the funding and planning assumptions ahead of her formal policing precept proposal to the Panel next month. Challenges for the budget included government grant being frozen for the next two years and a higher-than-forecasted pay award for staff of 2%. PCCs have recently been given the flexibility by the government to raise the precept by up to £12 per Band D property per year. This would raise the funding available to the force by over £3.5 per annum. The PCC's Chief Financial Officer described that a £12 increase (Band D) would effectively enable the police force to "stand still" without having to find significant savings.

The Panel will review the PCC's formal precept proposal at its next meeting. The PCC's public survey on the precept is open until 28th January 2018 and can be accessed online at www.telljulia.com

101 service performance update

The Panel continues to monitor the improvements underway to the 101 non-emergency service. The Deputy PCC reported that average waiting times for both the 101 and 999 services have improved since the last report brought to Panel in November 2017. Measures put in place to improve the 101 service as reported in recent months had, in the main, impacted positively. Further recruitment of staff to the Force Control Room (FCR) is planned for 2018/19 to help sustain resilience. Panel members were keen to understand the planned investment of £1m into the FCR as outlined within the PCC's paper on the precept. The PCC stated that this was only an indicative figure at this stage and that further planning would be needed from within North Yorkshire Police to demonstrate exactly what would be needed in a cost-effective way. Tighter planning is also required around the logistics for introducing greater staff numbers into one area.

Force improvements following recent inspection reports

The Panel took a report on the measures planned or underway within the police force to improve both its efficiency and legitimacy. This followed concerns raised at the previous Panel meeting about the ratings given by HMICFRS recently as a result of their inspections across these two areas. The PCC felt the rollout of the operational mobile working programme had received some very positive feedback from officers. A major piece of work is also underway to look at the shape of the police force and how this might positively evolve. The Panel felt the report was very aspirational but required harder detail around plans and timescales, such as around the creation of an Ethics Board. Progress on such areas will be kept under review by the Panel.

Next meeting – 6th February 2018, County Hall, Northallerton

The Panel will be reviewing the PCC's formal policing precept proposal for 2018/19.

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