

The Accountability Board
Tuesday 22nd September 2015

Action Notes and Decision Record

Item 1

Attendees:

Adam Simmonds (AS), Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner (Chair)

Simon Edens (SE), Chief Constable

Andy Frost (AF), Deputy Chief Constable (via telephone)

John Neilson (JN), Director for Resources, Governance and Transformation, OPCC

Paul Bullen (PB), Assistant Chief Executive, OPCC

Rachel Swann (RS), Assistant Chief Constable

Gary Jones (GJ), Head of Finance and Asset Management

Nick Alexander (NA), Chief Accountant

Apologies:

Iain Britton (IB), Chief Executive, OPCC

Item 2 – Terms of Reference

AS explained the context within which the meeting was to operate.

ACTION: RS to send PB some comments on Terms of Reference

DECISION: Subject to those amendments, to agree the Terms of Reference, to be kept under regular review

Item 3 – Strategic Alliance and Police Business Services (PBS)

A discussion took place on the progress with regards to both the Strategic Alliance with Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire and the related Police Business Services

DECISION: Further consideration before the next meeting of the Alliance on Sept 24

Item 4 – Force Service Delivery Model

A discussion took place on the process to develop the Service Delivery Model. It was agreed that this is rightly something that both the Commissioner and Chief Constable should be involved in.

ACTION: AS/PB/JN to consider who can act as an OPCC SPOC for this work

DECISION: Before the operating model is implemented there must be agreement at this Board of the design

Item 5 – Violence

RS outlined Force actions to address the violent crime issue in the county. Short and long term activity is in place and further work is being developed to look across Force processes to deliver change in the next 12 months

Item 6 – Transformation

A discussion on what is meant by transformation took place. There was agreement that there is a need to define what things the Force are seeking to change. A baseline position is required for each element to make more informed decisions of the next steps. The relationship between the Force's Transformation board and this Accountability Board was also clarified.

ACTION: AF, GJ, JN to meet to understand the different potential lists of 'transformation' and put a proposition to the Accountability Board via email on how to take this forward.

DECISION: The Accountability Board agrees the design of transformation agendas. The Transformation Board delivers those approved designs. The Transformation Board do not begin work on new initiatives without the approval of the Accountability Board.

Item 7 – Strategic Finance

JN provided a paper to outline the assumptions in planning for the next medium term financial plan and budget round. The Accountability Board was established as the single meeting for these discussions.

ACTION: JN with GJ to propose a process to bring back to this Board the look, feel and design of different scenarios to ensure that the budget is within affordable limits and considers the allocation of that resource between the Force and OPCC

Item 8 – Any Other Business

RS highlighted that she is now the single ACC for the Force

A discussion on the current performance and future direction of the Force Control Room took place.
Further discussions will take place in coming weeks