

Minutes of a Meeting of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel held in the the Hub, Mareham Road, Horncastle, Lincolnshire LN9 6PH on Friday, 9th June, 2023 at 11.00 am.

PRESENT

Chris Cook (Independent Co-optee) (Chairman)

Councillors Emma Bailey (West Lindsey District Council), Patricia Bradwell (Lincolnshire County Council), Chris Burke (City of Lincoln Council), Graham Marsh (East Lindsey District Council), Jonathan Pessol (North Kesteven District Council), Sarah Trotter (South Kesteven District Council), Ray Wootten (Lincolnshire County Council) and Stephen Woodliffe (Boston Borough Council).

Independent Co-opted Members: George Krawiec.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Marc Jones	Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire
Malcolm Burch	Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire
Julie Flint	Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire
Joanne Davidson	Director of Strategy and Operations, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John Medler	- Assistant Director Governance & Monitoring Officer
Ann Good	- Democratic Services Manager
Elaine Speed	- Senior Democratic Services Officer and Civic Officer

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Nominations were sought for Chairman of the Panel.

It was proposed by Councillor Chris Burke and seconded by Councillor Stephen Woodliffe that Mr. Chris Cook be re-elected as Chairman of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED

That Mr. Chris Cook be re-elected Chairman of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel for the period up to the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:

It was proposed by Councillor Chris Burke and seconded by George Krawiec that Councillor Graham Marsh be elected Vice-Chairman of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Graham Marsh be elected Vice-Chairman of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel for the period up to the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire and representatives from his Office, members of the public and the media.

The Chairman also welcomed Councillors Jonathan Pessol, representing North Kesteven District Council and Councillor Emma Bailey, representing West Lindsey District Council as newly appointed Members to the Panel. The welcome was further extended to Councillor Ray Wootten, representing Lincolnshire County Council and Councillor Stephen Woodliffe, representing Boston Borough Council as returning Members to the Panel.

The Chairman acknowledged previous Panel Members' contributions and it was proposed and seconded that a letter of thanks be sent to those concerned.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jim Astill, South Holland District Council and Councillor Philip Dilks, Lincolnshire County Council.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY):

At this point in the meeting, Members were invited to disclose any relevant interests, no such interests were disclosed.

The Chairman offered his congratulations to Malcolm Burch, Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on his recent appointment as the acting chairman for Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust.

6. MINUTES:

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 3 February 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

7. ACTIONS:

The Actions were noted as complete or in hand.

Members were referred to Appendix B in relation to the number of complaints upheld. A copy of this had been circulated electronically to Members and a paper copy tabled. A copy is attached at Appendix B to these Minutes, Action (Minute No.24) refers.

In relation to Action (Minute No.43), Members were informed that this was still in hand. Following a letter drafted to the PCP with the Panel's concerns over the number of PCSOs, a response had been received from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner who advised that he was unable to provide the information to the Panel, however had requested further information and would send a substantive response to the Panel shortly.

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no questions from members of the public.

9. DELIVERY OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN:

Marc Jones, Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) offered his congratulations to the newly elected Members to the Panel and hoped that they would find the meetings useful to feed back to their respective councils.

The PCC requested that his officers introduce themselves to the Panel, following which introductions were received from Malcolm Burch, Chief Executive, Julie Flint, Chief Finance Officer and Joanne Davidson, Director of Strategy and Operations.

Following which, the PCC presented a report that provided an update on the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan (2021 -2025). The report covering the period to June 2023 was attached as Appendix A.

Questions were invited from Panel Members. A copy of which is attached at Appendix A to these Minutes.

N.B. The Meeting adjourned for a short break at 12.35pm and reconvened at 12.43pm.

RESOLVED

That the update report on the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan be noted.

N.B. Marc Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner, Julie Flint, Chief Finance Officer and Joanne Davidson, Director of Strategy and Operations left the Meeting at 1.03pm.

10. COMPLAINTS POSITION STATEMENT:

A report was presented that provided details of the procedures in place for dealing with complaints made against the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire and an update on the number of complaints received during the period 10 January – 19 May 2023. The report was attached as Appendix A.

It was noted that one complaint was made against the Police and Crime Commissioner during the period 10 January – 19 May 2023. The complaint was not recorded. Mr Burch advised Members that he had nothing to add to the report.

RESOLVED

That the Complaints Position Statement be noted.

N.B. Malcolm Burch, Chief Executive, OPCC left the Meeting at 1.05pm.

11. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANELS:

It was noted that as Councillor Susan Waring had stepped down from her position as a Councillor, a new liaison was required with regard to the National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panel (NAPFCP).

Councillor Chris Burke was nominated and it was seconded by George Krawiec that Councillor Burke be the liaison between the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel and the NAPFCP

A Member requested that thanks be recorded to Councillor Waring for her work on the NAPFCP.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Chris Burke be designated as liaison with the National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels.

12. WORK PROGRAMME:

A report was presented that detailed the work programme and proposed meeting dates for the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel for 2023/24. The report also included details of the Panel's training and development programme.

Councillor Graham Marsh asked that his apologies be noted for the September meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel work programme and training and development programme be noted.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The programmed date for the next Meeting of the Panel was noted as 11am on Friday 22 September 2023.

The Meeting closed at 1.08 pm.