



PAPER NS13/14

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK COLLABORATION PANEL

A meeting of the Panel was held in the Strategic Co-ordination Centre, Police Headquarters, Martlesham Heath on Thursday, 5 September 2013 at 2.00 pm.

Present :

Norfolk

PCC's Office : Chris Harding (Chief Executive), Jenny McKibben (Deputy PCC). Joined the meeting via video conferencing from the PCC's office in Wymondham.

Constabulary : Simon Bailey (Temporary Chief Constable), Charlie Hall (Temporary Deputy Chief Constable), Sarah Hamlin (Temporary Assistant Chief Constable) and Rupert Birtles (Assistant Chief Officer).

Suffolk

PCC's Office : Chris Bland (Chief Finance Officer), Christopher Jackson (Chief Executive), Tim Passmore (PCC) and Ian Rands (Business Manager).

Constabulary : Phillip Clayton (Chief Finance Officer), Paul Marshall (Deputy Chief Constable) and Douglas Paxton (Chief Constable).

Also present for item 4 – Jacqui Evans (Criminal Justice Operational Business Manager) and Kevin Wilkins (Head of Criminal Justice Services).

Apologies for absence were received from Stephen Bett (Norfolk PCC).

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Paper NS13/11]
 - 1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2013 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
2. TRANSFER STAGE 2 [Paper NS13/12]
 - 2.1 The Suffolk Chief Executive presented this paper highlighting the steps taken to perfect the draft Transfer Scheme since the previous meeting. This had included a surgery with Home Office officials and consultation with Unison and he was confident that the document would find favour when it was submitted to the Home Office prior to the deadline of 16 September.
 - 2.2 There was a recognition that development of the new Schemes of Governance for Norfolk and Suffolk were likely to be more problematical given the complications linked to there being four 'corporations sole'. The Transition Group would remain in existence to take this work forward.

- 2.3 The Panel recorded its thanks to the Suffolk Chief Executive and other members of the Transition Working Group. It was **agreed** to signal approval of the content of the draft Transfer Scheme (Appendix 1) and its submission to the Home Secretary.

PRIVATE AGENDA

[Further detail of the discussions under the following items is included in the closed minutes.]

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 3.1 The confidential minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2013 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4 CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM PROJECT

- 4.1 The Panel received a presentation from Kevin Wilkins and Jacqui Evans on the need for on-going reform of Criminal Justice services, including proposals to re-structure in order to deliver further savings.
- 4.2 The Panel **agreed** to support the general direction described in the presentation.

5 EVIDENCE BASED POLICING

- 5.1 The Panel heard from both Chief Constables on the wish to embed Evidenced Based Policing (EBP) practices and principles so the use and development of evidence became an integral part of 'business as usual'. This process was growing in momentum nationally and they were keen to establish Norfolk & Suffolk as a leader in the field.
- 5.2 The process was designed to ensure that the greatest return on the public's investment in services was delivered and it was stressed that it would support the Offices of the PCCs, particularly in relation to commissioning.
- 5.3 The Panel **agreed** that the Constabularies should develop a formal joint paper for consideration by the PCCs describing the proposed steps to introduce EBP.

The meeting closed at 3.05 pm