

MINUTES
POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR ESSEX
and
ESSEX POLICE
STRATEGIC BOARD

10 June 2021, 1400 to 1700, via MS Teams

Present:

Roger Hirst (RH)	Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – Chair
Kevin Baldwin (KB)	T/Assistant Chief Constable, Essex Police
Julia Berry (JB)	Head of Finance and s151 Officer, PFCC's office
Pippa Brent-Isherwood (PBI)	Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer, PFCC's office
Annette Chan (AC)	Chief Accountant, Essex Police
Jules Donald (JD)	Chief Information Officer, Kent and Essex Police
Patrick Duffy (PD)	Head of Estates, Essex Police
Jane Gardner (JG)	Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
Mark Gilmartin (MG)	Director of Shared Support Services, Kent and Essex Police
BJ Harrington (BJH)	Chief Constable, Essex Police
Dr Vicki Harrington (VH)	Director of Strategic Change, Essex Police
Suzanne Harris (SH)	Head of Performance & Scrutiny (Policing & Crime) PFCC's office
Darren Horsman (DH)	Strategic Head of Policy and Public Engagement, PFCC's office
Jennifer Housego (JH)	Head of Digital, Strategic Change, Essex Police
Shaun Kane (SK)	Supt, LPSU and CIP SLT, Essex Police
Debbie Martin (DM)	Chief Finance Officer, Essex Police
Rachel Nolan (RN)	Assistant Chief Constable, Essex Police
Janet Perry (JP)	Strategic Head of Performance & Resources, PFCC's office
Andy Prophet (AP)	Assistant Chief Constable, Essex Police
Tom Richards (TR)	T/Assistant Chief Constable, Essex Police
Matt Tokley (MT)	Corporate Accounting Manager, Essex Police
Camilla Brandal	Minutes, PFCC's Office

1 Introduction and welcome

RH welcomed all to the meeting and noted that there were no apologies. RH wanted to thank and acknowledge the considerable report preparations for this meeting. BJH also wanted to acknowledge his thanks and to acknowledge that there were plans in place to address the process for the production and format of reports and decision sheets.

2.i Minutes of last meeting

There were no amendments to the minutes of the March meeting and they were therefore approved. There were no matters arising.

2.ii Action Log

- 01/21 Forward Plan
Police and Crime Plan Development added to Forward Plan. Close
- 02/21 Forward Plan
Force Growth Programme quarterly updates to Forward Plan. Close.
- 03/21 Forward Plan
End of year Accounts to Forward Plan. Close.
- 04/21 Forward Plan
Budget Setting Timetable to Forward Plan. Close.
- 05/21 Forward Plan
Digital Strategy to Forward Plan. Close.
- 06/21 Finance – MTFS
Decision sheet 049-21 submitted. Close.
- 07/21 Finance – MTFS
Decision sheet 049-21 submitted. Close.
- 08/21 Finance – MTFS
Month 11 report presented at P&R. Close.
- 09/21 Finance – Insurance position
Cyber paper to be presented at this meeting. Close.
- Action: 25/21
Public Liability Insurance paper to be tabled at a future Strategic Board meeting.**
- 10/21 Finance – Insurance position
Added to P&R Forward Plan. Close.
- 11/21 Finance – Insurance position
Information had been sent through to JP. Close.
- 12/21 Finance – Insurance position
Separate meeting to be organised (DM, JP and MT) to discuss motor claims.
Action to remain open.
- 13/21 Treasury Management Strategy
Decision sheet 076-21 submitted. Close.
- 14/21 Capital Programme
Decision sheet 042-21 submitted. Close.
- 15/21 Capital Programme
Decision sheet 045-21 submitted. Close.
- 16/21 Capital Programme
Decision sheet 047-21 submitted. Close.

- 17/21 Capital Programme
Decision sheets 018-21 and 027-21 submitted. Close.
- 18/21 Capital Programme
Decision sheet 013-21 submitted. Close.
- 19/21 Capital Programme
Decision sheet 014-21 submitted. Close.
- 20/21 Capital Programme
Decision sheet 015-21 submitted. Close.
- 21/21 Capital Programme
Decision sheet 040-21 submitted. Close.
- 22/21 Crime Prevention Strategy
On June Agenda. Close.
- 23/21 Police Objective Analysis (POA)
The action to add this to the forward plan had been completed. Close.

The POA was due to be presented to this meeting but it was requested that this be moved to the September meeting. RH asked if he could please see the POA before submission to the Home Office. JP and DM to take conversation around timing of POA report off-line.

Action: 26/21
SH to amend forward plan to show POA for September 2021

Action: 27/21
DM to ensure that the POA is shared with RH before submission to the Home Office.
JP and DM to take conversation around timing of POA report off-line.

- 24/21 Op Talla Special Constable Payments
Decision sheet 044-21 submitted. Close.

2.iii Forward Plan

No further changes other than those above and the addition of 4 Stage 2 business cases for September.

3 Finance

3.i Medium Term Financial Strategy ('MTFS')

- 3.i.1 DM presented the latest version of the MTFS which had not varied much from the March report. Page 3 of the report details the assumptions. Table 2 in the report shows the position at the end of June (the only changes being the reduction in borrowing due to slippage in the capital programme). DM confirmed that work has begun to identify savings and efficiencies to help close the funding gap. DM confirmed that there will be more of an update in the September report when more information is available regarding government funding, pay rises and the financial cost of national projects.

3.i.2 RH asked about the CIPFA FMCR where they have recommended a more cautious approach to reserves, i.e. do they want us to have more reserves? DM commented that she was of the opinion that it concerned earmarked reserves compared nationally, as the general reserves are in line nationally. RH commented that as long as reserves were being made to address the risks perceived in line with government policy, he was of the opinion that it was not for CIPFA to comment. RH commented that CIPFA may like to pass a comment that the reserves are in line with our Reserves Strategy but if our Reserves Strategy is to have money deployed rather than sitting in reserves, in line with our agreed risk appetite, he took exception to CIPFA passing comment on what our level of reserves should be.

3.i.3 RH asked for the MTFS to be updated to include the 2020/21 figures and this year's figures in table 3 on page 4, as he could not locate them in the report. DM advised that past performance is reported in the outturn reports. AC advised that the 2020/21 MTFS budget movements are within the appendices. It was agreed that AC and JP would have a separate meeting to ensure that the previous year's outturn figures would be included in main tables of the next report, including table 3 on page 4.. It was also agreed that the MTFS presented at the September meeting would have these figures included.

JP added that with there being so many assumptions for September sensitivity analysis will be included showing the impact of changing each assumption by what will happen as the assumptions incrementally change. AC and DM agreed that would be included. RH confirmed that would be a good addition.

Action: 28/21

AC and JP to discuss and agree how the 2020/21 and 2021/22 figures will be included in the main tables of the MTFS in the September report

Action: 29/21

Decision Sheet (ref 086-21) to be submitted to the PFCC's office.

3.ii Draft Unaudited Statement of Accounts

3.ii.1 DM confirmed that the accounts timetable had changed due to the pandemic and the fact that the auditors are struggling to complete their work on Local Authorities straight after the NHS. It is hoped that the suggested dates for this year of 30 June and 30 September are retained for future years. Grant Thornton have asked if they could begin their audit process at the beginning of July.

3.ii.2 DM would confirmed that version 4 which is being prepared at present will be ready for sign-off on 18 June ready for Joint Audit Committee on 25 June.

3.ii.3 DM went through the changes to the extracts since 24 May. She said there were 3 changes as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the covering report: Supplies and Services, Income (additional s31 grant), and earmarked Reserves (Allard and ESMCP grant). The contributions to/ from General Reserve (£500k to Chief Constable's carry forward reserve) had been discussed at the Performance and Resources Board in May. DM would confirm that the above changes have had no effect on the bottom-line figures.

Action 30/21

DM to confirm how the changes to earmarked reserves had no effect on the bottom line

- 3.ii.4 DM explained that the impact of the Police Officer Pension Scheme valuation was not yet included in the accounts. MT has started to process this, and it will be available in version 4. DM confirmed that there were no outstanding Council Tax Collection Fund returns from the districts as these had now all come in.
- 3.ii.5 PBI asked about the decision sheet and whether it would need to be revised to reflect the added 'missing' information. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the decision sheet relating to the signing off of the draft unaudited Statement of Accounts is revised and resubmitted.
- 3.ii.6 JP raised her concern that appropriations were being made directly to reserves before they showed as an underspend in the overall position. She was not concerned about creating earmarked reserves, but it was the process that she thought was the problem, in that they are moved before they go into the financial position. BJH said he thought the process was clear with published board minutes and decision reports which go to the Panel and he didn't think there was any lack of transparency. He accepted that money was being moved around but thought it was absolutely transparent from the process being followed.
- 3.ii.7 RH said he thought both BJH and JP had valid points. He said he thought there was transparency in the process as it was laid out, but he agreed it might be difficult to understand. He said what would help to make it easier to understand would be a table showing the position before and after the appropriations with an explanation of how the money would be used. RH asked how the appropriation of underspend at the year-end would be agreed. He asked if it was subsumed into the overall approval of accounts, or whether there was a subsidiary decision report showing how the underspend had arisen, and how it would be appropriated to earmarked reserves. DM said standard practice is for the underspend to go into the general reserve so by approving the accounts, you are approving that appropriation into the general reserve so the £3.87m is the appropriation into the general reserve. RH said we are also creating earmarked reserves– does that need a separate decision? DM said the earmarked reserves are outside of the general reserves, so the general reserve is absolute, the appropriations to the earmarked reserves are before that, so when we sign off the accounts we are signing off the year end balances for each of the earmarked reserves that are stated within it. It is all subsumed within that final sign off. RH questioned whether he was actually approving the creation of the earmarked reserves at all and asked that we check the approval process through off-line until we have got the audit trail clear.
- 3.ii.8 BJH said he thought the proposals were clear in the paper and the proposals go forward to be included in the unaudited end of year accounts, which is the decision-making process, including the discussion we are having now. BJH outlined the process as follows:
- 1) *underspend or monies identified in budget*
 - 2) *an operational proposal is made to utilise the monies in support of the Force Plan*
 - 3) *the appropriate amount is proposed to an earmarked reserve (usually after discussion between CC and PFCC)*
 - 4) *earmarked reserve created and shown for confirmation in MTFs for next strategic board and then 'sign off' by PFCC on decision sheet.*
- RH said in that case, the decision report needs amending so that it actually clearly states in the recommendations, the appropriations to earmarked reserves and the amount going to the general reserve; at the moment the decision sheet does not say that, and it needs to.

Action: 31/21

The decision sheet (ref 087-21) relating to the signing off of the draft unaudited Statement of Accounts is revised and resubmitted for processing.

The Decision sheet (ref 087-21) to be amended so that it states in the recommendation that approval is sought for the appropriations to earmarked reserves and the ~~creation of the general reserve fund.~~

3.iii Treasury Management Outturn

DM confirmed that this report had been presented at the Performance and Resources Scrutiny Board meeting in May as part of the arrangement to have the reporting presented at the P&RS Board and the Strategy presented at the Strategic Board. SHa confirmed that this item remained on the Agenda for today's meeting so that it could be noted that the report had been presented at the P&RS Board in May.

RH invited item 16 to be brought forward to this point in the meeting, as it was a linked item.

16 Any Other Business

16.1 Treasury Management Strategy

It is to be noted that the update to the Treasury Management Strategy was approved and the Decision Sheet could be processed.

Action: 32/21

Decision Sheet (ref not yet allocated) for the Treasury Management Strategy to be processed.

3.iv Draft Budget Timetable

3.iv.1 DM presented the report which set out the draft timetable for the 2022/23 revenue and capital budget setting and the 3 recommendations as outlined in the report.

3.iv.2 It was agreed that the timetable would be adopted with the red dates in the report being confirmed with the PFCC's office so that the dates are in RH's diary. RH asked that a similar parallel document be drawn up for the PFCC's Senior Management Team to dovetail in with the process around the office budget.

Action: 33/21

It was agreed that the timetable would be adopted with the red dates in the report being confirmed with the PFCC's office so that the dates are in RH's diary. The decision sheet (ref 088-21) should be submitted to the PFCC's office.

Action: 34/21

RH asked that a similar parallel document be drawn up for the PFCC's Senior Management Team to dovetail in with the process around the office budget.

JB joined the meeting at 1500

3.v Insurance – Cyber Crime Cover

3.v.1 MT presented the updated report which summarised the progress made to date. In summary, it is not felt that it is worth obtaining cover mainly due to financial reasons and the uncertainty surrounding it. Sections 5 and 6 of the report set out MT's proposals and

he suggested that he bring back a further paper to Strategic Board once there is more certainty around the best route to take for this cover.

- 3.v.2 After a brief discussion around the decision to not take up cover and the risks associated with this, it was agreed that the decision sheet would be updated with the reasoning behind not taking up the cover at this point in time, the risks associated with not taking up cover and re-submitted to the PFCC's office.

Action: 35/21

It was agreed that the decision sheet (ref 089-21) would be updated with the reasoning behind not taking up the cover at this point in time, the risks associated with not taking up cover and re-submitted to the PFCC's office.

3.vi Police Objective Analysis (Opening Position)

Although the POA paper was due at this meeting, it was accepted that the paper would now have to be presented at the September meeting. RH asked that we look into how we get this information earlier next year.

4 Force Growth

4.i Force Growth Programme (2020-2021 closing report)

BJH commented that the paper presented at this meeting was an update and closing position paper where all of the ambitions had been met and was covered under the P&RS Board's Agenda. RH commented that it was really good to know that we are delivering on what was a very ambitious programme.

AC left the meeting at 1516

MT left the meeting at 1516

4.ii Force Growth Programme Quarterly Update

- 4.ii.1 BJH presented the quarterly update for 2021/22 and the progress made to completion of the deployment plan for the additional 185 officer posts detailing the allocation of police officers to business areas, along with the recruitment of the additional 19 police staff posts. BJH commented that the only challenge that might present itself concerns the MOSOVO officers but only where the timeline is concerned.

- 4.ii.2 RH asked if the paper could include current total numbers of officers and staff, to enable comparison to where we planned to be, as well as detailing any changes in numbers. It was agreed that VH would put this into the Executive Summary for future reporting.

Action: 36/21

VH to include totals for officers and staff of where we are now in the executive summary of future reports so we can compare progress with each significant milestone.

5 Strategic Transformation Programme Highlight report

- 5.1 VH presented the highlight report and outlined the changes to the 30 workstreams that had taken place since the March Strategic Board. VH confirmed that 2 workstreams had been removed as the projects had closed (Corporate Road Risk and 7F PEQF) and 2 workstreams had been added, namely the Intelligence Review and the 7F ESCMP

programme. VH commented that there were some changes to the RAG ratings and projects that had gone into exception (Central Referral Unit, Office 365, 7F Specialist Capabilities and Forensics, and 7F DAMS).

PBI left the meeting at 1522

- 5.2 VH went through the highlighted key areas and updated on each project that had achievements during the last period (Corporate Road Risk, BT Hothouse, Analytics for Everyone, Force Growth and Athena Connect Gateway).
- 5.3 VH went through the areas in exception where the RAG status had changed in detail (Central Referral Unit, 7F Forensics, 7F ESMCP and 7F DAMS). The Efficiency and Savings Plan for 2020/21 has now been closed with a £8.05m cashable and non-cashable savings total, with the forecast for 2021/22 being at £3.9m recurring. There was a change to the Programme Risk Register with one risk going from 30 to 20 due to Covid restrictions lifting.

KB joined the meeting at 1530

RN joined the meeting at 1530

AP joined the meeting at 1530

11 Crime Prevention Strategy

- 11.1 RN presented the paper and background to the proposed Crime Prevention Strategy 2021-25 which provides a whole system approach to crime prevention.
- 11.2 SK took the meeting through a set of slides which set out the Strategy's aims and objectives. There were 14 thematic strands within the Strategy contained under the separate headings of Serious Violence, Organised Crime, Vulnerabilities and Complex Needs. Each strand has a new 4P delivery plan with reporting set by a quarterly health check report and will be supported by a dashboard on progress achieved on the associated delivery plans. The Strategy is scheduled for launch in the autumn and is evidence based following profiling and the strategic needs assessment carried out in 2019.
- 11.3 SK confirmed that it is proposed that the governance of the Strategy would be run through the Local Policing Board and the relevant Thematic Boards, with Safer Essex providing a forum for scrutiny of progress across the assets.
- 11.4 RH welcomed the Strategy and has been discussing taking the Strategy to Essex Leaders and Chief Executives, and the leadership teams of Essex, Southend and Thurrock councils to get buy-in at a local level.
- 11.5 RH asked whether it would be useful to get co-branding from Safer Essex on the Strategy, and RN confirmed that the paper related to version 11 of the Strategy and currently version 14 is being worked on, which now has branding from Essex Police, PFCC, Safer Essex and Essex Council of Voluntary Sector Network, as well as a Forward from PBI as chair of Safer Essex.
- 11.6 JG wanted to thank RN, SK and Supt Michelle Davies for the presentation and commented that the joint branding will be very important in order to hold others to account.
- 11.7 It was agreed that the decision sheet needs updating to reflect the changes in the latest version of the Strategy. However, RH noted that he endorsed the Strategy.

Action: 37/21

The decision sheet (ref 096-21) is to be updated to reflect and include the latest version of the Strategy and to be submitted to the PFCC's office.

RN left the meeting at 1550

The meeting paused at 1550

The meeting reconvened at 1555

6 IT Programme Update

- 6.1 JD confirmed that a lot of the update had been covered in the Strategic Transformation Programme Highlight report. JD wanted to highlight the progress with the Legacy Data Digital Store project which had received some additional funding in order to address a particular issue with crime data file types but the project is now progressing well.
- 6.2 RH asked about the PEQF risk and JD confirmed that some additional scope had been put into the project in recent months and it is being managed well. JD commented that she did not see this risk as an exception.
- 6.3 JD also confirmed that Section 3 of the update detailed the progress made with DTOB which will be reported on more fully in September.
- 6.4 A brief discussion took place around NAS and the ANPR supplier.
- 6.5 JG asked whether it would be worth considering providing IT updates to Performance and Resources Scrutiny Board and strategic cases to Strategic Board going forward, and noted it is important to understand the background behind the movement on the IT projects. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that this conversation would be taken offline to determine the content and frequency of a potential IT programme resources paper coming to the P&RS Board alongside the quarterly updates for Strategic Boards, to enable P&RS Board to review progress updates and focus the discussion at Strategic Board on any decisions required.

Action: 38/21

A discussion should take place to consider the content and frequency of a potential IT programme resources paper coming to the P&RS Board alongside the quarterly updates for Strategic Board. JG JD SH

7 Digital Asset Management Solution (DAMS) Evaluation

- 7.1 MG explained the background to the 7F proposition, and the subsequent parallel evaluation undertaken by Kent Police and Essex Police for a Digital Assets Management System, and the recommendations that had resulted.
- 7.2 After a brief discussion, it was agreed to accept Option 4 as set out in the report and move to a Full Business Case (using inhouse resources) to source a product for a 2F DAMS system.
- 7.3 A brief discussion took place around crypto-currency and whether this could be built into the DAMS system in the future.
- 7.4 It was agreed that the decision sheet shared with the Board papers would be submitted (ref 090-21).

Action 39/21
Decision sheet (ref 090-21) would be submitted to the PFCC's office.

8 Estates Programme Update

PD confirmed that the update paper had been written prior to the Estates Strategic Board and most of the items had been discussed at that Board meeting. RH wanted to thank PD for his work on this as it is a very good programme and it was good to see the progress that is being made. A brief discussion took place around updates on the Boreham site and the review work on agile working for HQ.

9 Capital Programme including stage 2 bids

9.i Dashcams

9.i.1 AP presented the Stage 2 bid for providing 80 vehicles across Operational Policing Command fleet with forward and rear facing video cameras. AP confirmed that there were some dependencies on the investment with the DAMS system that is looking to be secured. A discussion took place around the costs, suppliers, a Stage 2 Business Case Part B that will address the costs in parallel with the DAMS project, how the dashcams will provide a significant benefit in reducing Corporate Road Risks, how the dashcams will be able to assess the quality of the police drivers' behaviour and standards, and also provide material benefit on other road user's poor driving behaviour.

9.i.2 A brief discussion took place around the costs per unit and it was confirmed that it was not just the kit that was being purchased. The Decision Sheet was approved and would be submitted to the PFCC's office for processing.

Action: 40/21
The Decision Sheet (ref 091-21) was approved and would be submitted to the PFCC's office for processing. A further Stage 2 Part B will follow in due course.

9.ii Dispatch Communications Server

9.ii.1 JD presented the paper relating to the proposed investment request to deal with the replacement of 150 CCI ports with a single Dispatch Communication Server connection. The upgrade requirement is needed to ensure compliance during the delay to the delivery of the Emergency Services Network platform (national dates awaiting confirmation) and the end of life of the Airwave CCI port technology in 2022.

9.ii.2 RH approved the recommendation and the Decision sheet will be submitted to the PFCC's office for processing.

Action: 41/21
Decision sheet on DCS (ref 092-21) to be submitted to the PFCC's office for processing.

JH joined the meeting at 1630

14 Emergency Services Network Roadmap – ICCS enabling solution

- 14.1 MG went through the background to the implementation of the Integrated Communications Control System solution for the Force Control Room and the proposed option contained in the Business Case. A short discussion took place around the risks associated with the option. It was agreed to proceed with procurement development and Full Business Case. A revised decision sheet would be submitted to the PFCC's office to include the risks.

Action: 42/21

A revised Decision sheet (ref 099-21) would be submitted to the PFCC's office for processing.

**RH left the meeting at 1643
JG took over the chair**

9.iii Weapons and Equipment

- 9.iii.1 AP presented the Stage 2 Business case for the purchase of additional weapons and kit for the Firearms Training team in order to maintain the Authorised Firearms Officer establishment numbers and continue to deliver the increased mandatory training hours set by College of Policing.
- 9.iii.2 After a short discussion around the risks associated with not approving the Business Case, it was agreed that AP would update the risk section of the Decision sheet with the information currently set out in the legal implications before submitting the Decision sheet to the PFCC's office.

Action: 43/21

AP to update the risk section of the Decision sheet with the information currently set out in the legal implications before submitting the Decision sheet (ref 093-21) to the PFCC's office.

9.iv Drones

- 9.iv.1 AP presented the Stage 2 Business case for the purchase of five new drones and associated equipment for the Drone Team to provide Essex Police with an effective and efficient drone capacity.
- 9.iv.2 After a brief discussion around financial implications and whether NPAS costs will be reduced, it was agreed to proceed with the Business Case and the Decision sheet would be submitted to the PFCC's office for processing.

Action: 44/21

The Decision sheet (ref 094-21) is to be submitted to the PFCC's office for processing.

9.v Taser Tracking

AP gave a verbal update on the Taser Tracking project and confirmed that the sum of money that has already been used to electronically book Tasers in and out of the system has been used and the monies that are currently being held as part of the Stage 1 Business Case can be returned to the capital programme as they are no longer needed.

9.vi DFU Storage

- 9.vi.1 TR presented the Stage 2 Business Case for the purchase of increased digital storage capacity for the Digital Forensics Unit to enable the Unit to continue to process and analyse digital evidence from mobile phones, computers and CCTV to support investigations.
- 9.vi.2 It was agreed to proceed with the Stage 2 Business Case and the Decision sheet would be submitted to the PFCC's office for processing.

Action: 45/21

The Decision sheet (ref 095-21) to be submitted to the PFCC's office for processing.

AP left the meeting at 1700

JD left the meeting at 1700

TR left the meeting at 1700

10 Police and Crime Plan Development

- 10.1 DH went through the proposed process by which the Police and Crime Plan 2021-24 will be developed and how stakeholder engagement is proposed. Following agreement of the overarching approach, a detailed timeline and comprehensive consultation and engagement plan will be developed.
- 10.2 BJH noted that once the Police and Crime Plan has been developed, it will allow him to set the Force Plan. From the initial look at the Plan, BJH was very content with it.

DH left the meeting at 1705

12 Essex Police Digital Strategy

- 12.1 VH went through the background to the creation of the 2020-2025 Digital Strategy and JH went through the contents of the Strategy (which included what the strategy will be used for, the vision, what drives digital change, the core strategic principles, how to understand and apply the strategy).

MG left the meeting at 1718

- 12.2 JG thanked JH and VH for all the work done on the Strategy and after a brief discussion around the current SAP system (where it was acknowledged that the SAP system would be included under the future IT Strategy), it was agreed to note and endorse the approach set out in the Strategy. The Decision sheet would be submitted to the PFCC's office for processing.

Action: 46/21

The Decision sheet (ref 097-21) would be submitted to the PFCC's office for processing.

JH left the meeting at 1726

13 Local Children's Safeguarding Boards

- 13.1 KB presented the paper which set out the current arrangements and future funding options of Essex Police towards the Southend Safeguarding Children's Partnership, Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Partnership and Essex Safeguarding Children's Board, and asked the Board to note the decision to be made in respect of the relative share of future funding from Essex Police. KB went through the background to the partnership arrangements both nationally and locally and the current funding contributions. It was understood that the responsibility was with Essex Police as a statutory partner of the Local Children's Safeguarding Boards, but recognised that historically the financial contribution had been made by the PFCC. New guidance outlines the expectation for statutory partners to contribute equitably, including where funding is concerned.
- 13.2 After a discussion around the recommendations and a preferred option of adopting a one third funding contribution by statutory partners, it was agreed that the Board would recommend that for the current year the PFCC continue to fund at the same level as the previous year, with Essex Police funding the difference to total a one third contribution of £182,415. JG would speak to RH about the possibility of moving the responsibility for the budgeting amounts for this statutory responsibility to Essex Police for them to manage.
- 13.3 It was also agreed that KB would liaise with SH and amend the recommendation wording to reflect that the increase in policing contribution for the current year would be met from Force funds, and amend some of the headings in the Decision sheet before submitting it for processing.

Action: 47/21

JG to speak to RH about moving the responsibility for the budgeting amounts to Essex Police.

Action: 48/21

KB would liaise with SH and amend the recommendation wording and some of the titles in the Decision sheet (ref 098-21) before submitting it for processing.

15 Approval of paper classifications for publication

A discussion took place around the classifications for publication and it was agreed that the papers for publication were 3i, 3ii (paper only), 3ii, 3iv, 4i, 4ii, 9i, 9iv, 10, 11 and 12.

16 Any Other Business

A brief discussion took place about the Covid returns to the Home Office and it was agreed to take this item offline.

There being no more business, the meeting closed at 1755.