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Chief Constables' Council Minutes

22 June 2021

Attendees

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| AC Martin Hewitt | NPCC Chair |
| ACC Nikki Watson | Avon and Somerset |
| CC Garry Forsyth | Bedfordshire |
| CC Nick Dean | Cambridgeshire |
| CC Mark Roberts | Cheshire |
| Cmsr Ian Dyson | City of London |
| CC Richard Lewis | Cleveland |
| CC Michelle Skeer | Cumbria |
| CC Rachel Swann | Derbyshire Constabulary |
| CC Shaun Sawyer | Devon and Cornwall |
| CC James Vaughan | Dorset |
| CC Jo Farrell | Durham |
| CC Claire Parmenter | Dyfed-Powys |
| CC Ben-Julian Harrington | Essex |
| CC Rod Hansen | Gloucestershire |

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| CC Stephen Watson | Greater Manchester |
| CC Pam Kelly | Gwent |
| CC Olivia Pinkney | Hampshire |
| CC Charlie Hall | Hertfordshire |
| CC Lee Freeman | Humberside |
| ACC Tim Smith | Kent |
| CC Chris Rowley | Lancashire |
| CC Simon Cole | Leicestershire |
| CC Bill Skelly | Lincolnshire |
| CC Serena Kennedy | Merseyside |
| DAC Laurence Taylor | Metropolitan Police Service |
| AC Louisa Rolfe | Metropolitan Police Service |
| CC Carl Foulkes | North Wales |
| T/CC Paul Sanford | Norfolk Constabulary |
| CC Nick Adderley | Northamptonshire |
| CC Craig Guildford | Nottinghamshire |
| CC Winton Keenan | Northumbria |
| CC Lisa Winward | North Yorkshire |
| CC Iain Livingstone | Police Scotland |
| DCC Malcolm Graham | Police Scotland |
| CC Simon Byrne | Police Service for Northern Ireland |
| CC James Vaughan | South Wales |
| CC Lauren Poultney | South Yorkshire |
| T/CC Emma Barnett | Staffordshire |
| DCC Rachel Kearton | Suffolk |
| CC Gavin Stephens | Surrey |
| CC Jo Shiner | Sussex |
| CC John Campbell | Thames Valley |
| CC Martin Jelley | Warwickshire |
| DCC Julian Moss | West Mercia |
| CC David Thompson | West Midlands |
| CC John Robins | West Yorkshire |
| CC Keir Prichard | Wiltshire |
| DCC Paul Mills | Wiltshire |
| CC Lucy D'Orsi | British Transport Police |
| CC Simon Chesterman | Civil Nuclear Constabulary |
| CC/CEO Bernie O'Reilly | College of Policing |
| Dep Brig Sarah Pringle-Smith | Royal Military Police |
| Dep Brig Mark Johns | Royal Military Police |
| Wg Cmdr Mike Dixon | Royal Airforce Police |
| Wg Cmdr Nicholas Card | Royal Airforce Police |

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| Brig Vivienne Buck | Royal Military Police |
| Cmdr Dean Oakley | Royal Navy Police |
| CO Ruari Hardy | Guernsey Police |
| CO Robin Smith | States of Jersey Police |
| CO Gary Roberts | Isle of Man Police |
| CC Chris Eyre | Sovereign bases of Royal Cyprus Police |
| Cmsr Richard Ullger | Royal Gibraltar Police |

In attendance

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| AC Robert Beckley | Assistant Commissioner – Op Resolve |
| Richard Brandon | Cambridgeshire Constabulary |
| Paul Taylor | NPCC Chief Scientific Adviser |
| T/Ch Insp Wayne Nash | NPCC Staff Officer |
| Richard Hampson | NPCC Senior Business Officer |
| Cathy Willis | NPCC Executive Assistant |
| Sherry Traquair | NPCC FOI and Decision Maker |
| Stuart Sterling | Home Office, Government Liaison |
| Antony Bushfield | NPCC Communications Officer |
| Emily Colwill | NPCC Business Officer |
| Simon Pountain | Business Change, National Enabling Programme |
| Owen White | NPCC National Enabling Programme |

SESSION 1:

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed those present to this virtual Extraordinary Chiefs’ Council meeting.

NPAS

Summary:

AC Martin Hewitt summarised for Chiefs that Tracy Brabin came in as the Mayor of West Yorkshire and following a meeting with the Policing Minister she gave notification of her intention to write a letter to the Policing Minister or Home Secretary, stating under the provisions of Section 22A she will be giving a 12 month notice of West Yorkshire withdrawing as host organisation for NPAS.

Mr Hewitt stated that this is to be viewed as a critical incident by Chief’s Council, as there is the potential we may reach the 12 month point and have no host organisation, which is not an operationally acceptable position.

The decision and next steps is within the National Strategic Boards remit, which is established for the governance of NPAS and is made up of 6 Chiefs and PCC’s. The National Strategic Board are meeting

on Thursday 24th June 2021, whereby there will be the appointment of a new chair and discussion of the Mayor giving notice.

All Chiefs were requested to deal with the critical incident of identifying a host organisation and pause on the debate of what direction we should be going in. hosting organisation must have both the Chief and PCC willing to take this on, and as a result this could be a challenging task.

An explored option in order to marry the aim and the aspiration together could be to propose a time limited period for the hosting organisation, in order to overcome the immediate issue of not having a hosting organisation in 12 months.

CC Robins added there are 320 people who are working on this within policing therefore it is vital we find a swift resolution to this, as it is the people who will cause us an operational delivery failure if they begin disappearing. There is the image among Chiefs that this will come with a large burden however, if this is funded correctly by Chiefs then there should be no burden from this. CC Robins reassures Chiefs that the structure of NPAS does not cause problems as a hosting organisation.

CC Hansen's letter sets out the position well, as well as seeking a 'hosting force'. Letters have been distributed to Chiefs and PCC's requesting for expressions of interest to be sent forward and the direction that they would like to see NPAS take in the future. The proposed timeline is 3 months to identify a hosting organisation and hold the negotiation conversations and 9 months for the safe transition. A draft terms of reference has been collated, including what we as the NPCC can do to support, principles, reducing risk and skill sets that would need to be funded.

CC Thompson stated that we all have a professional obligation to get ourselves into a neutral place and continue with an open mind. We must work hard to the 12 month time frame, and then there may be movement available from the Home Secretary, however we are not at this stage currently.

AC Hewitt opened the discussion up to Chiefs for comment or expression of interest.

DAC Taylor questioned how we can support forces in that due diligence. An understanding of what would come from NPAS in its current form and what would be required moving forward as it is a complex area if you are not directly involved.

CC Vaughan remained neutral at this stage and will not be volunteering at this stage, however observed that unless we can persuade the West Yorkshire mayor to extend the deadline we have do not have the opportunity to review. This could be an opportunity to apply more pressure on the Home Office with the hosting issue, as there are several national capabilities that could benefit from a professional host such as FCN, NPAS and Blue Light Commercial.

AC Hewitt stated the national capability will be raised at the National Strategic Change and Investment Board.

CC Pritchard agreed with the neutral position and we must all play our part. A short briefing with incentives could attract a force with a full understanding of what are the requirements and obligations and what are the risks, this briefing could be collectively drafted. The key question is the contingency plan if no force wishes to host or step forward. What would be the plan B?

The Home Office have not committed to the incentive, it is currently a floating point. The discussion of plan B is for the NSB and we must make a point that this is the responsibility of the governing body to make the decision.

CC Roberts spoke from the perspective of recently volunteered regional representative for the North West and the desire to understand what position the Chiefs want this to be going forward.

CC Hansen drafted an outline and briefing document to share with chiefs after the board meeting on Thursday showing costs, assets and incentives to host NPAS. Update will be circulated after the board meeting and discussed further at July CCC meeting.

AC Hewitt summarised the sense is that we need to find an organisation to host this. There is no colleagues who have said never under no circumstance, however there need to be more understanding which is currently being undertaken by CC Robins. The process of expression of interest and how the relevant information can be accessed should be discussed in the meeting this evening. ACC Hewitt encourages for open discussions to take place, however it seems remote for a newly elected PCC to commit and undertake to this.

This will be revisited at CCC in July.

Outcome: The hosting organisation will be further discussed at the next CCC. Chiefs in agreement that the focus should be on the critical incident sourcing a hosting organisation within the next 12 months and not reviewing the capability at the current time.

Decision: No decision made.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND WRAP OF DECISIONS

No other business was raised in the meeting. See separate decision and action log for this meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full Chiefs' Council meeting will be held on **14-15 July 2021**.