PCP Report for O&S – 3rd June 2019

Date of meeting: Friday 15th March 2019

Covering note

I was not able to attend this meeting, as I was called away for work at just a day’s notice. For that reason I was unable to secure a substitute. However, the Liberal Democrat county council group’s political assistant took the following notes:

Tri-Force Update
- Avon & Somerset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire collaboration
  - Major crime
  - Training
  - Tactical advisors
  - Roads officers
  - Dog units
- Oversight – quarterly basis chief constables / officers meet
  - Collaboration out of necessity in first instance due to cuts in budget
  - Started to show strain after a period
- Decision taken to return roads and dogs to individual forces

Chief Exec report
- GFRS, consultation:
  - Consultation responses published online
- Detection rates:
  - Not good enough across whole country
  - Request from Colin for annual informal meeting to go through crime rates and detection rates
- OPCC complaints
  - Approx one third of complaints upheld on average.
  - More comprehensive report to follow once arrangements have been in place for longer.
- 999 calls
  - Averages provided – however query re peak demand time
  - Info to be provided

Criminal Justice Board
- Responsible for coordinating conversations re Brexit and potential civil unrest
- Busiest time on switch boards 5pm – when other LA agencies have closed.
  - Working with mental health teams on collaboration
- Magistrates board – issues with timeliness and the length of time to get to court dates
  - Hard to engage with these agencies
  - “Probation system broken”
  - Martin Surl stated “crown court and magistrates courts not fit for purpose”
  - Cheltenham identified as one of the worst performing courts because of the limited space to hear cases.