



# Police and Crime Strategic Board

22 December 2015

## Chief Constable's Report

### 1. National Issues

#### 1.1.1 'A fair deal for the people of Lincolnshire'

#### 1.1.2 Budget Setting

1.1.3 The Provisional Grant Settlement was due to be announced on 17 December 2015; however there have been no prior indications of the likely allocations.

1.1.4 The headlines of the Spending Review were, "real terms protection for police funding" and "No cuts to police budgets at all"

1.1.5 Following the announcement commentators have been speculating on these headlines and there has also been speculation on other Home Office top slices before the Settlement is released.

1.1.6 It is understood from Home Office sources that "...for the Home Office element of the Emergency Services (Communication system) £1bn and police collaboration has been built on top of the settlement. So when these are removed, total direct resource funding to PCCs (core central Government plus precept) is maintained at flat cash, assuming that PCCs maximise precept income".

1.1.7 It is felt by that a cash reduction of 1% to 3% is likely but, as is always the case ahead of the provisional settlement, precise details will be subject to Ministerial decisions. A further separate report will be provided following the announcement.

### 2 Regional Issues

#### 2.1 Regional Niche – update

2.1.1 Although some technical work and testing still has to take place in Northamptonshire the rollout of Niche across the force is expected to commence on 22 December. This will provide users with the ability to search live information from Lincolnshire and Leicestershire to provide a richer intelligence picture.

2.1.2 A request for operational officers and police staff from Lincolnshire who use Niche on a daily basis has been made by Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire to provide assistance in order to reduce the operational impact of changing a large number of core business systems at each go live.

2.1.3 The General Incident Module (GIM) phase 1 and 2 (hate incidents, property, RTCs warrants etc.) was upgraded into the live environment on the 16th November 2015. There were a few minor issues experienced by Lincolnshire and Leicestershire but these have now been resolved.

- 2.1.4 Following Lincolnshire and Leicestershire's go-live dates Niche have delivered an upgrade to regional Niche enabling Intelligence processing to be fully completed in NC5. Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire will begin using the new functionality at go-live. Lincolnshire and Leicestershire intelligence processing staff will migrate from NC4 to NC5 during the first quarter of 2016 to come in line with the other regional forces.
- 2.1.5 Niche has provided a Demonstration of the Digital Witness Statement (DWS) functionality. This will enable the capture of witness statements remotely on forces mobile data applications. This will reduce the bureaucracy of hand writing non-police statements and retyping them into Niche. The Niche regional team have confirmed this functionality is fit for purpose and will be ready for Nottinghamshire's go-live.
- 2.1.6 The regional Niche team have hosted two business change sessions involving all forces in preparation for Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire's go live. These sessions have been based around lessons learned on regional and national Niche deployments. The feedback from the sessions has been very positive.
- 2.1.7 Niche has reported that the interface for Track My Crime does not currently work in a multiple force domain such as ours in the East Midlands. Current timelines for resolution by Niche are unknown. The Niche programme is pushing hard for a resolution and expects to have a technical solution available in early January 2016. The region are exploring technical fixes with the Home Office and Dorset Constabulary who have managed to progress email and SMS updates to victims directly from Niche.
- 2.1.8 The region continues to explore the requirements for the on line crime reporting tool developed by Sussex and Surrey with the Home Office. Lincolnshire and Leicestershire have expressed a desire to adopt the reporting tool once seamless integration with Niche has been developed.
- 2.1.9 On 12 January 2016 the region will upgrade the Niche database in preparation for Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire's go-live. This will contain additional regional Niche functionality design including use of force, voluntary attendance recording and suspicious financial activity processes.
- 2.1.10 Nottinghamshire go live on 2 February 2016.

### **3 Local issues**

#### **3.1 Mobile Data Project – update**

- 3.1.1 The Site acceptance testing (SAT) has now been completed and the project is in the final stages of the user acceptance testing (UAT). The UAT has generated a number of small changes that were raised with the supplier and incorporated into the software.
- 3.1.2 UAT officers will now form the role of super users and support the pilot stations in how to correctly use the device and software. A formal policy has been circulated and user guides supplied. Back office departments such as CTO and FCR have been trained accordingly. The first officers in receipt of their devices went live on 7 December and all other devices have now been built and delivered.

### **3.2 Blue Light Collaboration Project – update**

- 3.2.1 The project team received positive feedback from the Steering Group after presenting its initial Full Business Case on 7 December. The project team have been given confirmation to proceed with a formal Home Office bid for innovation funds. This will be completed and sent through by 18 December, after agreement and sign-off from the PCC. The bid will now be increased to £7M.
- 3.2.2 The project team continue to focus on the production of the innovation fund bid, and the changes to the full business case required by the Steering Group.

### **3.3 Body Worn Video Cameras – Update**

- 3.3.1 Phase one of the rollout to the eight stations across the force is planned to go-live at the beginning of February 2016. It has been identified that the IT infrastructure will not support the BWV solution as initially planned due to network capacity and speeds across the county. A revised approach will now be taken and the phased rollout will provide the opportunity to assess how performance is being delivered and make any additional remedial measures before further rollout to the remaining stations/officers.
- 3.3.2 The project team continue to focus on policy, procedure and training materials. The training of Sergeants and Constables will commence at the beginning of January.

### **3.4 Out of Court Disposals – Update**

- 3.4.1 The Out of Court Disposal Scrutiny Panel held their last meeting on 3 December 2015. The panel found that of the fourteen cases examined, eight were appropriate, three were considered appropriate with observations, in two cases the panel failed to reach a conclusion and in one case the decision was inappropriate.
- 3.4.2 The Panel continues to mature with the Business manager now providing further support by reviewing the cases in advance of the meetings and producing a case summary of the basic facts. This was tested at the December meeting and the panel found it useful in assisting their decision making. In addition, a representative of Victim Support has now joined the panel to provide a victim perspective. Two additional police senior officers were in attendance to understand the work of the panel, how it operates in order to enable them to share learning and feedback to officers. It is likely that this invitation will be extended to other supervisory officers in the future.
- 3.4.3 Feedback from the independent observer in attendance at the meeting was on the whole was very positive. Norman Norris, Chair of the Police and Crime Panel stated that it had been a robust scrutiny with improvements being evident. He expressed his concern that there were some cases where decisions had not been fully or properly recorded, but was assured that police internal crime quality meetings were working towards progressing this.
- 3.4.4 It was agreed that the findings from the panel meeting would be promoted through the Police Intranet and the next meeting has been scheduled for March 2016.

### **3.5 Regional and Local Criminal Justice Structures – Update**

- 3.5.1 The first meeting of East Midlands Criminal Justice Board (Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire) took place in November 2015, and as a consequence Lincolnshire Criminal Justice Board was disbanded. It is important to note that Lincolnshire has good representation at the regional board and an informal criminal justice steering group is to be convened in March 2016. The aim of the group is to ensure that there is two way dialogue, co-operation, sharing of good practice and learning, locally and regionally. Oversight will include remaining local criminal justice responsibilities such as victims and witnesses, reducing offending and scrutiny of out of court disposals. Membership includes the Chair of the Victim and Witness Delivery Group, the Deputy Justices' Clerk for HMCTS, the Chair of the Reducing Reoffending Board, representation from the OPCCs office and the Chief Constable.
- 3.5.2 Previously LCJB reports have been produced to assist the OPCC to assess progress and delivery of objectives of the local board, a requirement within the work plan. With the local board being replaced by the steering group and with it yet to meet a report has not been provided for the meeting in December. As the steering group arrangements are developed reports will be submitted on a regular basis.

### **3.6 Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme (ESMCP)/ Emergency Services Network (ESN)**

- 3.6.1 The project could be referred to by either name but the central Programme team tend to use ESMCP. This is the name given to the programme to deliver a replacement for the outgoing Airwave Radio services. Airwave contracts start to expire late 2016 through to 2020 dependent upon force.
- 3.6.2 The award of the original contract was initially targeted for summer 2015, but had to be delayed until 13 November to allow for legal challenges made by Airwave during this period. A temporary injunction was imposed on programme progress until these were resolved. Further difficulties were experienced, as Motorola announced they were purchasing Airwave at the same time and additional legal clauses were required to minimise risk of unfair gain from avoidable delays.
- 3.6.3 A High Court hearing lifted the injunction and legal requirements linked to Motorola acquisition have been resolved. The 'Effective Date' milestone was achieved on 9 December resulting in the award of the following contracts:
- User Services, awarded to Motorola
  - Mobile Services, awarded to EE
  - Delivery Partner, had previously been awarded to Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR)
- 3.6.4 The 'Effective Date' is the milestone from which mobilisation for transition onto the Emergency Services Network begins, with further milestones measured as 'ED+ (number of months)'.
- 3.6.5 The East Midlands transition slot is early in the delivery programme, 9 December 2017 to 9 December 2018. Within the regional transition window, deployment is scheduled as:

- Derbyshire Constabulary
- Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service
- East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust
- Leicestershire Constabulary
- Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service
- Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Service
- Lincolnshire Police
- Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service
- Northamptonshire Police
- Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service
- Nottinghamshire Police

3.6.6 A formal project will be recommended for initiation in Lincolnshire in January, to maintain connections with national and regional project leads and stakeholders, ensure sufficient coverage for voice and data requirements in the county, determine device options, connect with existing control room infrastructure and explore links with wider mobile data provision.