Note of discussion: PCC / T/CC 1-2-1 meeting

Attendees:

- PCC Chris Nelson
- T/CC Maggie Blyth
- DPCC Nick Evans
- DCC Katy Barrow-Grint
- OPCC CEO Ruth Greenwood (notes)

Date: 02/11/2026

Purpose of meeting:

The weekly 1-2-1 meetings between the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the Temporary Chief Constable (T/CC) form part of the overall accountability and governance arrangements of Gloucestershire Constabulary. The meetings facilitate regular and open exchange of information and support the maintenance of a strong and effective relationship between the PCC and T/CC.

In the spirit of openness and transparency, a note of discussion points will be published in a timely manner on the OPCC website (available here).

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1. Note of previous meeting	
• Meeting held 28/10/26	• The note of the previous meeting was acknowledged.
2. Critical incidents and Gold Groups	
• Fairford incident / Op Crex	• The DCC provided an update. A national debrief took place last week. • It was noted that a local debrief will take place through the Local Resilience Forum to capture learning and identify any further opportunities for improvement. • The PCC and DPCC advised that they would be attending a community engagement event later that day to listen to local concerns and feedback
• Operation Verify – court appearance 9 November 2026	• The T/CC provided an update on Operation Verify, a complex child sexual abuse investigation. • It was reported that a 38-year-old man from Cheltenham had appeared before the court and was remanded into custody after being charged with 13 offences, including arranging or facilitating the rape of a child and possession of extreme pornographic material involving animals.

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	• The defendant is next due to appear at Gloucester Crown Court for a Plea and Trial Preparation Hearing on 9 November 2026.
3. Strategic policing initiatives	
• Operation Endeavour	• It was agreed that an update on Operation Endeavour (Clear Hold Build activity) should be scheduled for a future PCC Governance Board meeting.
• Respect Orders	• The PCC welcomed the introduction of Respect Orders and expressed support for their potential role in tackling anti-social behaviour. • The T/CC advised that ACC ML is leading work to analyse current anti-social behaviour data is underway to identify how the orders may be used most effectively within Gloucestershire. • It was agreed that a further update would be provided to the December PCC Governance Board. • The T/CC confirmed that the PCC would be informed should the force make use of the new powers.
4. Communications and public affairs	
• Op Russet: pre-inquest Hearing – 2 November 2026	• The PCC and T/CC were advised that media attendance was expected at the pre-inquest hearing on 2 November 2026 relating to the fresh inquest into the death of Julian Sweeney. • The discussion noted recent media interest following an interview given by Ellen Roome to LBC, during which concerns were raised regarding the actions of officers who attended the incident. • Gloucestershire Constabulary had responded by confirming that a complaint remains subject to an ongoing Professional Standards Department investigation and that it would be inappropriate to comment further on the actions of individual officers while that process is underway. • The force will continue to monitor media interest and provide appropriate communications support as the inquest process progresses.
• Op Vachon: inquest – Monday 9 November	• The PCC and T/CC were advised that the inquests into the deaths of three members of the family of a Gloucestershire Constabulary officer, following a house fire in Brimscombe in December 2025, are scheduled to take place on 9 November 2026. • It was noted that media attendance is anticipated. The officer's wishes regarding privacy have been discussed and they do not wish to engage with the media. • Appropriate support arrangements remain in place, and the force will continue to manage media interest sensitively while respecting the family's wishes.
5. National portfolio work and activity	
• Police Reform Event	• The PCC and T/CC discussed the forthcoming national police reform event taking place in Manchester. • It was reported that the event would include contributions from senior policing leaders and would focus on the need to maintain momentum behind police reform proposals. • The event is aimed at highlighting the benefits police reform could bring and a desire for greater certainty regarding the Government's future plans.

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	• The meeting heard that the event was intended to provide an opportunity for policing leaders to make the case for reform ahead of future spending decisions and national announcements. • It was understood that the report of the independent review into police force structures had been submitted to the Home Secretary and that any announcements arising from the review would be welcomed by stakeholders. • Attendance was expected to include police leaders, elected representatives, policing stakeholders and media representatives from across the country, including the South West region.
6. Any Oter Business	
• HMICFRS/HMIP Report on Police Response to Electronic Monitoring	• The PCC referred to the recent APCC briefing concerning the joint HMICFRS/HMIP report into the police response to electronic monitoring. • The T/CC confirmed that the force had received the report and was considering the actions identified for chief constables. • The PCC noted recent national discussion regarding the increased use of electronic monitoring and tagging. • The T/CC reported that conversations had recently taken place with the Integrated Offender Management team regarding pressures within the system and the operational implications of increased use of electronic monitoring. • Gloucestershire Constabulary is also in contact with the NPCC lead for electronic monitoring to understand national developments and emerging practice.