

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To give Members an opportunity to consider the work programme for the Panel and to suggest further topics for inclusion (**see appendix A**).
2. To seek Members' approval to continue the subscription to the regional PCP network.
3. To consider the proposed dates for the Panel meetings for 2016-17.

Information and Advice

4. The work programme is intended to assist with the Panel's agenda management and forward planning. The draft programme will be updated and reviewed regularly in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Panel and is subject to detailed discussion with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the Chief Constable.
5. The work programme is updated to include specific focus on each of the seven Strategic Priority Themes included in the Police and Crime Plan at each meeting of the Panel (except the February meeting at which the precept and budget is considered). Following recent e-mail correspondence with Members, it is proposed that the following schedule be followed, subject to the PCC's agreement:-
 - April 2016 – Theme 3 - Focus on priority crime types and those local areas that are most affected by crime and anti-social behaviour;
 - June 2016 – Theme 7 - Spending your money wisely;
 - September 2016 – Theme 2- Improve the efficiency, accessibility and effectiveness of the criminal justice process.

Regional Police and Crime Panel Network

6. At the Panel meeting of 28 April 2014, the Panel agreed to subscribe to a regional network (which had been established by Frontline Consulting) for 2014/15. The Panel agreed to renew the subscription for 2015/16 at the 2 February 2015 meeting.
7. The subscription offers the following benefits:-
 - Two regional meetings each year at which the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and support officer (substitutes allowable) of each Panel share information and

experience, to problem-solve and to collaborate as appropriate; with agendas devised by the participants, including a regional update based and 'hot topics' of challenges to address across the five Force areas.

- A 'helpline' facility (by telephone, e-mail and online) supported by Tim Young, Frontline Consulting's Lead on Policing and Crime, to answer queries and provide advice
- A website www.pcps-direct.net, which all PCP members and support officers can sign up for, for free, to share their experiences and good practice, including:
 - an Information section: open-access pages that include a digest of news covering issues around Police and Crime Panels that will interest councillors, Independent Members and support officers, plus occasional features. There will be provision for Panels to post films, articles and more in-depth pieces about latest PCP developments; and
 - an Exchange section, offering scope for you to network with each other across PCPs by setting up personal circles or engaging in broader networks by theme, role, activity or Force area. One of the Networks is Ask Tim, where you can post your queries.

In addition:-

- Three places for the price of two for Network members who want to attend our annual PCP conference (equivalent to a £99 discount). (The Panel also obtained a number of free places at the national PCP conferences arranged by Frontline Consulting in October 2014 and July 2015, in return for hosting the events).
 - a 10% discount on any learning and development sessions that PCPs might want to engage Frontline Consulting to deliver.
8. The Panel was represented at the meetings on the 1 July 2014, 22 January 2015 and 16 October 2015. The next meeting takes place on 12 February 2016 and will be attended by the Chair and a support officer.
 9. Officers and Members have continued to find the opportunity to network across the region very beneficial.

Proposed Police and Crime Panel Dates 2016-17

10. The Panel currently has dates agreed up to the Annual Meeting on 6 June 2016.
11. Following a similar pattern to currently, these are the proposed dates for the 2016/17 year:-

- Monday 5 September 2016 – 2pm
- Monday 7 November 2016 – 2pm
- Monday 19 December 2016 – 2pm
- Monday 6 February 2017 – 2pm
- Monday 24 April 2017- 2pm
- Monday 5 June 2017 – 2pm

12. It is also proposed that the following dates be earmarked for two budget workshops as per this year (with a decision made nearer the time as to whether the workshops will go ahead):-

- Wednesday 25 January 2017 – 10am – workshop with the PCC and officers
- Wednesday 1 February 2017 – 10am – workshop with the host authority's Chief Finance Officer

13. The views of Members and the Commissioner and his officers are sought on these proposed dates.

Other Options Considered

14. All Members of the Panel are able to suggest items for possible inclusion in the work programme. The work programme has been updated following discussions around the Commissioner's update report at the last meeting. The regular standing items and statutory requirements have also been scheduled into the proposed meeting timetable.

15. Members had previously raised the possibility of the five Panels in the region arranging regional networking meetings themselves. However it is felt that the £500 cost of the subscription offers good value for money as well as the opportunity to utilise Frontline Consulting's knowledge of the national context (the Panel continues to benefit from the research, guidance and briefing notes produced by Frontline Consulting).

16. The future Panel dates have been drafted in line with the current schedule of meetings, avoiding school holidays, public holidays and other Council meetings where necessary.

Reasons for Recommendation/s

17. To enable the work programme to be developed further.

18. To enable the Panel to continue to receive the benefits offered by the subscription to the regional PCP network.

19. To seek the views of Members, the PCC and his officers on the suitability of the proposed Panel meeting dates.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Police and Crime Commissioner's views be sought on the proposed schedule of Strategic Priority Themes to be considered at forthcoming meetings.
- 2) That the work programme be updated in line with Members' suggestions as appropriate.
- 3) That the Panel subscribe to the regional PCP network for 2016/17 at a cost of £500.
- 4) That the proposed dates for Panel meetings and budget workshops be considered.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- 1) Minutes of the previous meeting of the Panel (published).

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APPENDIX A

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel

Work Programme (as at 18 January 2016)

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Brief Summary</u>
18 April 2016 – 2.00pm	
Police and Crime Commissioner's update, including Budget and Efficiency Programme update, details of decisions taken and overview of Force Performance).	The Panel will review and scrutinise any decisions and other actions taken by the Commissioner on an ongoing basis. The Panel will also consider the Commissioner's response to the key performance and financial issues within the Force.
Complaints update	Regular update on any complaints received against the Police and Crime Commissioner or Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.
Specific focus on one of the Police and Crime Plan Strategic Priority Themes.	Panel to focus on a specific Priority Theme - Theme 3 - Focus on priority crime types and those local areas that are most affected by crime and anti-social behaviour (to be confirmed)
6 June 2016 – 2.00pm	
Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman	To appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Panel for the 2016/17 year.
Review of Balanced Appointment Objective.	<p>The Panel will review its membership to see whether any actions are required in order to meet the requirements for:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the membership to represent all parts of the police force area and be politically balanced; and• Members to have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary. <p>The terms of office for independent Members will also be reviewed where applicable.</p>
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Specific focus on one of the Police and Crime Plan Strategic Priority Themes.	Panel to focus on a specific Priority Theme - Theme 7- Spending your money wisely.

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Brief Summary</u>
Consultation Events and Complaints Received / Consultation and Engagement Strategy	Six monthly update on the Commissioner's consultation events and complaints received by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (as agreed at the 5 January 2015 Panel meeting) / consideration of the Commissioner's draft Consultation and Engagement Strategy