

RESPONSE TO THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE'S 'LOCAL POLICING – ACCOUNTABILITY, LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS' – ISSUES AND QUESTIONS PAPER

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Members' views on the Committee on Standards in Public Life's 'Local Policing – Accountability, Leadership and Ethics' – Issues and Questions Paper.

Information and Advice

2. The Committee on Standards in Public Life has recently published an Issues and Questions Paper (**see appendix**) in order to review how ethical standards are being addressed in the police accountability landscape.
3. Members' views are sought on the questions listed at paragraph 25 and 32 of the report. Members' views are particularly sought on questions vi. a-e on page 11 of the appendix which relate directly to the role and powers of Police and Crime Panels.
4. The Commissioner's Office will be responding independently to the Committee on Standards in Public Life.
5. The deadline for all responses is 30 November 2014.

Other Options Considered

6. None - although there is no requirement to respond to the Issues and Questions paper, Members' views are sought based on their direct involvement with the Police and Crime Panel.

Reasons for Recommendation/s

7. Following discussions at this meeting, a Panel response will be drafted and shared for comments ahead of submission.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That Members discuss and respond to the questions included within the Issues and Questions paper, particularly questions vi. a-e about the role and powers of Police and Crime Panels.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None

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