

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the draft Media Protocol between the Panel and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Information and Advice

2. The Commissioner's Office has drafted a Media Communications Protocol which is designed to ensure:-
 - a. effectiveness, clarity and timeliness of actions around matters of potential public / media interest;
 - b. clarity around areas of responsibility and working practices;
 - c. good working relationships between the two parties.
3. The protocol includes details of its context, principles, purpose, scope and objectives.
4. Members' views on the proposed protocol are sought prior to finalisation and sign-off.
5. Members' views are also requested on a proposal to develop a wider information-sharing protocol to clearly define how requests for information between the two parties will be handled in order to achieve timely, transparent and appropriate responses.

Other Options Considered

6. To not have a formal media communications protocol but this would prevent the benefits of such an agreement from being achieved.

Reasons for Recommendation/s

7. To provide greater clarity and maximise opportunities around media communications arising from the Panel and the Commissioner's Office.
8. To provide greater clarity around wider information-sharing principles.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Panel considers the draft Media Communications Protocol.
- 2) That a wider Information-Sharing Protocol between the Panel and the Commissioner be developed.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None

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