

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

**8 SEPTEMBER 2021**

### **WORK PROGRAMME**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To give Members an opportunity to consider the work programme for the Panel and suggest further topics for inclusion (**see Appendix A**).
2. To consider other related matters.

#### **Information and Advice**

3. 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 Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).
4. Discussions take place with the Chair and Vice-Chair and the OPCC to schedule future agenda items as appropriate. Suggestions about future agenda items are welcome from Members and the PCC at any time.

#### **National Police (Fire) and Crime Panel Conference**

5. The Tenth Annual Conference for chairs members and officers of Police (Fire) and Crime Panels will take place on Tuesday 2 November 2021. It is intended that the conference will be held in person.
6. Details of the conference programme are being finalised and will be shared with Members of the Police and Crime Panel once they have been received.

#### **Home Office Review of Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC)**

7. The Home Office began a two-part review into the role of PCCs in July 2020, with recommendations from phase 1 published in March 2021. These were reported to the Panel in one of the updates from the Police and Commissioner.
8. Members and support officers for Police (Fire) and Crime Panels were invited to attend a session which was hosted by the Local Government Association on 13 July 2021 and included an update on the progress of the review. In that forum it was announced that implementation of the recommendations arising from phase 1 was underway, with phase 2 due to begin.
9. At that session, the representatives from the Home Office indicated that a White Paper was due to be published on sitting responsibility for fire governance with PCCs.
10. The terms of reference for Part 2 of the review was published on 27 July 2021, which indicated that the review would consider the tools and levers PCCs needed to better equip them to fight crime and on the scrutiny of the PCC model. Part 2 will also include a consultation on affording PCCs greater power of competence.

11. The part of the review looking at tools and levers to fight crime will consider:
  - a. The role of PCCs in offender management aligned to existing operator models
  - b. The role of PCCs in the partnership landscape and their ability to drive and co-ordinate local activity to reduce crime
  - c. The role of PCCs in securing and maintaining public confidence in policing and tackling crime and anti-social behaviour
12. While part 2 of the review does not include the role of PCCs in enforcing victims' rights and commissioning support services, these are being considered as part of work on the Victims' Bill.
13. The part of the review focusing on scrutiny will consider:
  - a. The police and crime panel model, specifically the benefits of independent members, identifying and securing the right skill sets and options to strengthen panel support
  - b. Reviewing the existing mechanisms for investigating complaints and allegations against PCCs
  - c. Considering the merits and demerits of introducing recall for PCCs for very serious breaches of behaviour
  - d. How PCCs use data in holding chief constables to account for the efficient and effective delivery of policing services
14. The timetable for Part 2 of the review was scheduled to be reported to the Home Secretary by November 2021. This would allow the government to plan any required legislative changes to embed the recommendations before the next PCC election.
15. The Review will stay on the Committee's work programme, with any issues arising from it being reported for members' information.

### **Site visits**

16. The Force's new custody suite based at Radford Road is due to open in September 2021. A site visit will be arranged with Panel members prior to the opening of the facility. Once a date has been agreed, it will be shared with Panel members.
17. It is also anticipated that work will be completed on the joint force headquarters for both Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue will be completed by the end of December 2021. Once this has been completed, a development session will be arranged at the new headquarters, which will include a tour of the building.

### **Other Options Considered**

18. All Members of the Panel are welcome to suggest items for possible inclusion in the work programme.

## **Reasons for Recommendation/s**

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

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) That the work programme be updated in line with Members' suggestions as appropriate.
- 2) That any member of the Panel wishing to attend the Tenth Annual Conference for chairs, members and officers of Police (Fire) and Crime Panels indicates their interest.

## Background Papers and Published Documents

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

[Terms of reference: Police and Crime Commissioner Review Part 2 \(accessible\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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