

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

**21 November 2022**

### **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.

#### **Police & Crime Panels webinar**

5. Panel members and support officers were invited to a webinar on 27 September 2022, which was hosted by the Local Government Association. The webinar provided an opportunity for panel members and support officers to hear from a range of speakers about current issues, panel experiences and new developments.
6. The first part of the session was an update from the Police Strategy and Reform Unit at the Home Office. The Unit was responsible for setting the strategic direction for policing policy through supporting the National Policing Board and the Home Secretary's policing priorities, alongside leading on policing governance, scrutiny and accountability, police inspection policy, blue light collaboration and mayoral devolution. During this session, attendees were given a recap of the outcomes and key strands arising from the first stage of the review of Police and Crime Commissioners, including outcomes delivered. They highlighted the Home Office's guidance and learning resources that were available for Panel members to access online. Representatives continued by summarising the recommendations arising from the second stage of the Police and Crime Commissioner Review and the work arising from that which was being taken forwards. They concluded by highlighting improvements that had been made to the Grant Agreement process, including key dates for 2022-23.
7. The remainder of the session focussed on different perspectives of complaints, with presentations from representatives from the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners and a Police and Crime Panel that had experience of dealing multiple conduct and complaint issues. Themes of these sessions included:

- Transparency and consistency in complaint handling
  - Guidance and support when dealing with complaints
  - Dealing with the media
8. The presentation from the representatives of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners also touched briefly on key messages arising from the review of Police and Crime Commissioners.

### **Police, (Fire) and Crime Panel National Conference 2022**

9. The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Police, (Fire) and Crime Panel National Conference was held on 10-11 November 2022. As in previous years, the conference was held at Warwick University.
10. The Annual General Meeting of the National Association of Police, (Fire) and Crime Panels was held prior to the commencement of the conference on 11 November 2022.
11. Suma Harding attended both the conference and the AGM, where she was the Panel's delegate.
12. An option was also available for virtual delegates to the conference; the Panel's support officer attended through this channel.
13. The plenary session of the conference focused on 'Changing Culture, Moving things forward), with panellists including Dr Sarah Charman (Professor of Criminology at the University of Portsmouth and Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice), Chris Excell (An Inspector in the Metropolitan Police and the Chair of its Black Police Association) and Sal Naseem (Regional Director for London, Independent Office for Police Conduct).
14. During the day, delegates had access to two out of three workshop sessions:
- Being a critical friend – joining the dots, facilitated by Jim Haylett, Chief Executive for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police and Crime Commissioner
  - The financial impact on policing – where do we go from here? Facilitated by Paul D Grady, Director, Audit and Iain Murray, Director, both of Grant Thornton
  - Measuring panel performance, facilitated by Colin Copus, Emeritus Professor of Local Politics, De Montfort University
15. The plenary session was entitled 'Scrutiny: Victories and Disasters' as was facilitated by Dave Burn, Director for Frontline Consulting, Colin Copus and Wayne Chandai, a Frontline Consulting Associate.
16. Details of the session were not available at the time the agenda was printed but information on the conference's content can be supplied separately for the information of Panel members.

## **Other Options Considered**

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

## **Reasons for Recommendation/s**

18. 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) To note the update on the Police and Crime Panel webinar hosted by the Local Government Association.
- 3) To note the update on the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Chairs, Members and officers of Police, (Fire) and Crime Panel's 2022.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

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

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