

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 consider whether to introduce a public question time for the Commissioner and/or the Panel.
3. To consider whether to continue the approach of holding Panel meetings at different venues across the City and the County.
4. To note the forthcoming national Police and Crime Panel Conference being hosted at County Hall on 10 July 2014.

Information and Advice

5. 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.

Public Question Time

6. A number of Panels nationally have introduced a public question time facility at their meetings. The table at **Appendix B** (which has been compiled and provided by Front Line Consultancy as part of their support to the regional network) shows the various types of public question approaches currently taken.
7. The Commissioner has indicated his willingness to be questioned by the public at meetings of the Panel. Members may also be willing to receive questions about their role. In line with the Panel's remit, a similar facility for public questions of the Chief Constable at meetings of the Panel is not proposed.
8. It is felt that the introduction of this type of standing agenda item could assist in increasing public interest and engagement with the Panel. It would also help to bring relevant issues to light to assist the Panel in its scrutiny and support role to the Commissioner.
9. If Panel Members support the introduction of such a facility then a proposed approach can be developed in conjunction with the Commissioner for consideration at the 15 September 2014 meeting.

Panel Meeting Venues

10. The Panel previously decided to hold its meetings at the offices of the various Councils represented in its membership. The aim of this was to raise awareness of the Panel throughout the County.
11. Panel meetings have subsequently been arranged at the offices of Ashfield District Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Gedling Borough Council, Mansfield District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council.
12. This approach does not appear to have increased public attendance and seems to have had a negative impact on member attendance. In light of this, Members' views are now sought about whether to continue this approach for the Panel meetings from September onwards. Members views on this issue may be subject to the consideration of the public question time approach detailed above which is likely to increase public engagement and participation in Panel meetings.

National Police and Crime Panel Conference

13. Members are reminded that the National PCP Conference is being held at County Hall on 10 July 2014. The Commissioner is one of the speakers at this event. Any Members interested in attending who have not so far requested a place at this event should contact Keith Ford as soon as possible.

Other Options Considered

14. All Members of the Panel are able to suggest items for possible inclusion in the work programme.
15. 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.

Reasons for Recommendation/s

16. To enable the work programme to be developed further.
17. To increase public interest and engagement in the Panel by introducing a public question time.
18. To consider the most appropriate venues to assist the business of the Panel.
19. To note the forthcoming national PCP conference.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the work programme be noted and updated in line with Members' suggestions as appropriate.

- 2) Members consider whether to introduce a Public Question time facility at meetings of the Panel.
- 3) Members consider whether to continue the current approach of holding Panel meetings at the offices of the various member Councils.
- 4) Members note the forthcoming national PCP conference being held at County Hall on 10 July 2014.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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

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Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel**Work Programme (as at 9 May 2014)**

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Brief Summary</u>
15 September 2014 – 2.00pm – venue TBC	
Mental Health issues and use of 'Triage' Patrol Cars	Presentation on the new approach taken by the Force to supporting people with mental health issues.
Police and Crime Commissioner's update (including 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 issues within the Force.
Complaints update	Regular update on any complaints received against the Police and Crime Commissioner or Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.
Domestic Violence update	Regular update on progress with this issue and the related strategic themes and key activities.
Designing the Future	To consider the Force's new operating model.
10 November 2014 – 2.00pm – venue TBC	
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