

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

6 June 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.

Regional Police and Crime Panel Network

5. At the Panel meeting on 28 April 2014, the Panel agreed to subscribe to a regional network (which has been established by Frontline Consulting) for 2014/15. The Panel has agreed to renew the subscription each subsequent year.
6. The annual subscription is due for renewal and the cost is £420. This is a £20 increase to the fee for 2021/22.
7. The subscription offers the following benefits:
 - Two regional meetings each year at which the Chair or Vice-Chair and support officer (substitutes allowable) of each panel share information and experience, to problem-solve and to collaborate as appropriate; with agendas devised by the participants, including a regional update based on hot topics and the discussion of potential solutions to difficult situations experienced by the five local authorities in the region
 - Access to advice, expertise and best practice on an ongoing basis with access to a helpline facility (by telephone or email)
 - A 10% discount on any learning and development sessions that P(F)CPs engage Frontline consulting to deliver

8. The Panel has been represented at the regional network meetings held since 2014 and officers and members have continued to find the opportunity to network across the region beneficial.

Annual Conference for Police, Fire and Crime Panels

9. Details of the Annual Conference for Chairs, members and Officers of Police (Fire) and Crime Panels 2022 have been confirmed. The theme of the conference is 'Changing Culture and Partnership Working'.
10. The conference will take place at the University of Warwick campus across Thursday 10 and Friday 11 November 2022. It will also incorporate the Annual General meeting for the National Association for Police (Fire) and Crime Panels.
11. Panel members can choose from one of three packages: a residential package, a delegate day package and a virtual delegate package. The conference will provide for sessions by guest speakers, workshops and policy seminars. Any Panel member who wishes to attend the conference should contact the Panel support officers.

Home Office guidance

12. As part of the recommendations arising from Part One of the Police and Crime Commissioner Review, the Home Office committed to delivering a new training and guidance package for Police (Fire) and Crime Panels, to make local scrutiny more consistent and effective.
13. On 23 May 2022, the Home Office published new guidance for Panels, alongside three supplementary quick-reference guides, and a collection of bitesize videos providing a deep dive into some key scrutiny areas. All of the materials have been published by the Home Office on its website.
14. The materials are aimed at three audiences within the Panel Structure – Chairs, members and supporting officers and are designed to provide practical information about the statutory roles and responsibilities of panels as well as what effective scrutiny looks like.

PEEL Review

15. On 28 April 2022 Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) published its inspection of Nottinghamshire Police, which assess police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy. The Commissioner refers to this Review in her update report and there will be an opportunity for the Panel to receive an update on progress at a future meeting.

Force Headquarters visit

16. On 20 April 2022, members of the Police and Crime Panel were invited to visit the new joint Police and Fire Headquarters.
17. During the visit Panel members:

- Were given a presentation on the progress of Operation Uplift and the range of routes into policing to promote workforce diversity
- Viewed the facilities available to police staff and officers, including training rooms and the gym, as well as experiencing the wider working environment
- Met with a group of Taser users who had just completed their refresher training and discussed their use
- Visited the control room and discussed how the design and improved working and received a presentation on the speed of response to calls
- Viewed the Gold and Silver command suites that enable partners to manage resilience incidents better together
- Saw a demonstration of drug dogs in training

Strategic Review of Policing in England and Wales

18. At the last meeting of the Panel, it had been agreed to hold a workshop in advance of the Annual General Meeting. While some initial discussions have been undertaken, it has not been possible to arrange a session in advance of the annual meeting.
19. Following subsequent discussion with Frontline Consulting, which hosts the Police and Crime Panel network, it is proposed that it would still be appropriate to hold a joint workshop for the Panel members and the Commissioner and her team. However, allowing time following the publication of the document to allow the Home Office to provide any response and steer would assist in ensuring the Panel is focussing on areas identified as priorities nationally.
20. Panel support officers will therefore continue to work with officers from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and make contact with potential external support to assist with and facilitate any workshop.

Other Options Considered

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

Reasons for Recommendation/s

22. 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 the Panel's membership of the East Midlands Police (Fire) and Crime Panel regional network be renewed for 2022/23 at a cost of £420.
- 3) That any Panel member wishing to attend the Annual Conference for Police (Fire) and Crime Panels should contact the Panel's support officers.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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

[HMICFRS PEEL Inspection of Nottinghamshire Police](#)

[Strategic Review of Policing in England and Wales](#)

[Police \(Fire\) and Crime Panels guidance](#)

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