

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

**18 March 2024**

### **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 assists with the Panel's agenda management and forward planning. The draft programme is updated and reviewed regularly in conjunction with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Panel. It is also subject to detailed discussion with officers from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).
4. Members and the PCC are welcome to suggest future agenda items at any time. Discussions take place with the Chair and Vice-Chair and the OPCC to schedule future agenda items.

#### **Regional Police and Crime Panel Network**

5. The Panel has received notice from Frontline Consulting that it does not intend to continue to offer the Regional Network package however it will continue to support to Panels as required, offering a variety of different packages as well as bespoke support. The final meeting of the East Midlands Regional Network is scheduled to take place on Thursday 21 March 2024.
6. The decision has been taken in light of the launch of the Best Practice Hub that the Home Office is developing. The Hub will provide good practice, tools and template, and expert advice on complex topics and processes of panel business. Panels will also have access to an online platform to allow for the coordination of a peer support network and the sharing of Panel good practice and advice across panel support officers and panel chairs.
7. There is currently no target launch date for the Hub. Information that has been shared by the Minister for Crime, Policing and Fire states that local authorities will have the opportunity to bid to host the Hub. Therefore, before any launch, the Home Office must identify its delivery partner and the appropriate infrastructure must be put in place. To date the details on how local authorities can bid to host the Hub have not been shared.

#### **Police and Crime Panel Annual Report – 2023/24**

8. The Panel produces an Annual Report highlighting the activities it has undertaken during the year. Input from Members is requested to assist the Chair and Vice-Chair in developing the report, with assistance from the Panel's support officer.

9. It is proposed that the sub-group will meet virtually between April and July 2024, with the final version being prepared during the summer of 2024.
10. The final version of the Panel's Annual Report for 2023/24 will be considered at its meeting in November 2024 and publicised as appropriate.

### **Independent Co-opted Members**

11. At the meeting of the Panel held on 20 November 2023, members considered the terms of office for the Panel's Independent Co-opted members. The current term of office ends at the end of May 2024. Members of the Panel agreed to offer all of the current Independent Co-opted members the chance to continue for another two-year term. In the event any of the serving independent members decided that they did not wish to continue, recruitment would be undertaken to fill any vacancies.
12. All of the current Independent Co-opted Members were advised of the Panels decision and asked to confirm whether they would like to continue their membership. Christine Goldstraw, Lesley Dalby and Suma Harding all confirmed that they wished to serve a further two-year term, however Bob Vaughan-Newton advised that he wished to step away from the Panel.
13. A recruitment exercise will be undertaken to fill the vacancy. Members of the Panel may be approached as part of this exercise with requests to advertise the vacancy within their communities.

### **Meeting dates 2024/25**

14. Dates for the Panel's meetings in 2024/25 are now available. These are:
  - Monday 16 September 2024
  - Monday 18 November 2024
  - Monday 3 February 2025 (precept and budget meeting)
  - Monday 17 February 2025 (reserve date for precept and budget meeting if required)
  - Monday 24 March 2025
  - Monday 16 June 2025 (annual meeting)
15. Dates for the two budget workshops will be confirmed at a later time.

### **Other Options Considered**

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

### **Reasons for Recommendation/s**

17. To enable the further development of the work programme.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) That the work programme be updated in line with Members' suggestions as appropriate.
- 2) That members note the update in respect of the Best Practice Hub.
- 3) That a sub-group be established by the Panel to produce the Annual Report 2023/24 and to identify members to join it.
- 4) That members note the update on the terms of office for the Panel's Independent Co-opted Members.
- 5) That Members note the dates for Panel meetings for the 2024/25 municipal year.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

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

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