

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 give further consideration to developing means for public engagement with the Panel and the Commissioner.
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 rescheduling of the national Police and Crime Panel Conference at County Hall from 10 July 2014 to 17 October 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 and is subject to detailed discussion with the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable.
6. The work programme has been updated to include specific focus on two of the seven Strategic Priority Themes included in the Police and Crime Plan at each meeting of the Panel (except the February meeting at which the precept and budget is considered).

Public Engagement

7. A number of Panels nationally have introduced a public question time facility at their meetings. At its last meeting, the Panel considered the relative merits and disadvantages of introducing such a session and the Commissioner underlined his willingness to be questioned by the public at meetings.
8. Although there was not a consensus view reached, Members generally felt that the public currently had a means of raising questions via the Panel. They felt that a more pressing issue was about how the Panel can best engage the public to help inform the Panel's scrutiny of the Commissioner. Members suggested that public engagement events involving the Panel, and possibly the Commissioner, may be more effective and a better way to raise awareness of the Panel's role, to seek views from the public and to better focus on strategic issues.
9. One Member of the Panel recently received an e-mail from a constituent raising concerns about the operational decision of the Force to target 'sexting' as a priority issue. The e-mail ended with the following general points:-

“I understand that the Police and Crime Panel oversees the PCC role. I would therefore like to ask you to do the following:

- 1. review how the public's views on crime and policy are taken into account in Nottinghamshire and whether this is happening effectively;*
- 2. whether the PCC is clearly communicating with the public his role and how the public can comment on police policy and crime;*
- 3. a review of how other PCCs are responding to and interacting with the public and whether Nottinghamshire PCC is providing similar opportunities for our residents.”*

10. Members are asked to consider the above issues and decide how the Panel can best:-

- engage the public to assist in its scrutiny and support functions; and
- assess the success of the Commissioner's own engagement processes.

11. With regard to the latter, the Panel could choose to establish a Task and Finish group or request a report from the Commissioner to address the concerns above raised by a member of the public.

Panel Meeting Venues

12. At its last meeting the Panel revisited its previous decision to rotate its meetings around the County. It was felt at that time that the issue inter-linked with the discussion about public engagement and therefore no decision on a future approach should be taken until that issue had been clarified.

13. Members are asked to reconsider this issue following further discussions about public engagement.

National Police and Crime Panel Conference

14. Members are reminded that the National PCP Conference is being held at County Hall and the date was changed from 10 July 2014 to 17 October 2014 due to industrial action on the former date. 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

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

16. 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

17. To enable the work programme to be developed further.
18. To increase public awareness and engagement with the Panel.
19. To consider the most appropriate venues to assist the business of the Panel.
20. 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 give further consideration to how the Panel can best:-
 - engage the public to assist in its scrutiny and support functions; and
 - assess the success of the Commissioner's own engagement processes.
- 3) Members consider whether to continue 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 17 October 2014.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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

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APPENDIX A

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel

Work Programme (as at 22 August 2014)

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Brief Summary</u>
10 November 2014 – 2.00pm – venue TBC	
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.
Specific focus on two of the Police and Crime Plan Strategic Priority Themes.	Panel to consider specific elements of the following Priority Themes:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority Theme 3 – Focus on those priority crime types and local areas that are most affected by Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour• Priority Theme 7 – To spend your money wisely – to include Collaboration and Estate issues.
Process for consideration of proposed precept and Budget for 2015/16	To agree the process for the Panel to scrutinise the proposed precept and budget, including the proposed budget workshop/s.
5 January 2015 – 2.00pm – venue TBC	
Victims' Services – Code of Practice for Victims and Victims Strategy	Update on Nottinghamshire's role as an 'early implementer' in the new national approach and feedback from November 2014 inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary.
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Complaints update	Regular update on any complaints received against the Police and Crime Commissioner or Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.
Specific focus on two of the Police and Crime Plan Strategic Priority Themes.	Panel to consider specific elements of the following Priority Themes:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority Theme 5 – Reduce the threat from organised crime – to include Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) performance levels• Priority Theme – TBC
2 February 2015 – 2.00pm – venue TBC	

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Police and Crime Plan	Annual Refresh
Complaints update	Regular update on any complaints received against the Police and Crime Commissioner or Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.
Proposed Precept and budget 2015/16	To consider the Commissioner's proposed budget and Council Tax precept.
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.
Specific focus on two of the Police and Crime Plan Strategic Priority Themes.	Panel to consider specific elements of the following Priority Themes:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Theme TBC • Priority Theme TBC
20 April 2015 – 2.00pm – venue TBC	
Specific focus on two of the Police and Crime Plan Strategic Priority Themes.	Panel to consider specific elements of two Priority Themes (to be agreed in February 2015).
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.
Specific focus on two of the Police and Crime Plan Strategic Priority Themes.	Panel to consider specific elements of the following Priority Themes:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Theme TBC • Priority Theme TBC
15 June 2015 – venue TBC	
Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman	To appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Panel for the 2015/16 year.
Review of Balanced Appointment Objective.	The Panel will review its membership to see whether any actions are required in order to meet the requirements for:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the membership to represent all parts of the police force area and be politically balanced;

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	<p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • members to have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary.
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