

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

28 March 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.

Strategic Review of Policing in England and Wales

5. During March 2022, the Police Foundation's Strategic Review of Policing in England and Wales was published. The report captures the findings of the Review and articulates that kind of police service that is necessary in order to address the challenges of the 21st century.
6. In order to give members of the Panel an opportunity to consider and digest the information in the report, it is proposed that a development workshop is held for Members in advance of the Panel's annual meeting on Monday 6 June 2022.

Policing Protocol

7. One of the recommendations arising from stage one of the Home Office's review into the role of Police and Crime Commissioners was to consult on potential changes to the Policing Protocol Order 2011 to clarify the responsibilities of, and the relationship between, PCCs and Chief Constables (including the notion of operational independence), and to better reflect the current policing landscape.
8. The Protocol sets out the relationships between PCCs, Chief Officers, Police and Crime Panels, Mayors that exercise PCC functions (including the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime) and the Home Secretary, and how their functions should be exercised in relation to each other. These parties must have regard to the Protocol when exercising their functions.
9. On 7 March the Home Office launched a consultation on potential changes to the Policing Protocol Order 2011, and Police and Crime Panels have been invited, through the Local Government Association (LGA), to contribute to its response.

Whilst the consultation runs until 2 May 2022, the LGA has asked Panels to supply their responses by 11 April 2022, to allow time for them to be collated.

10. A copy of the consultation document has been circulated to all members of the Panel. This will be supplemented with a draft response, on which members will be invited to make comment. Comments will be collated and incorporated within the Panel's response.

Home Office Police and Crime Panel webinar

11. The Home Office has offered Panel members and support officers an opportunity to attend a webinar, which had been set up on the back of one of the recommendations raised during the first part of the PCC review: *"To improve scrutiny, the Home Office will work with the Local Government Association (LGA) to develop a good governance training package for police and crime panels."*
12. Two dates were offered, Wednesday 23 February 2022 and Wednesday 2 March 2022, and any Panel Member who was interested was invited to book a place. The session was provided by Dods, which offers training in a range of areas including governance and policy making in the public sector.
13. During the webinar, the following topics were covered:
 - The principles of good scrutiny
 - Principles of effective scrutiny
 - Tips for Police and Crime Panels
 - The role of the Chair and what makes an excellent Chair
 - The role of Panel Members and what makes an excellent Panel member
 - The role of the Panel support officers and what makes an excellent support officer
14. The webinar also included a session which was led by a former MP for Peterborough, Stewart Jackson, who shared his experience of Select Committees and set out how those principles could work for a Police and Crime Panel. He gave delegates advice and tips around preparation and participation of witnesses, opportunities to hold enquiries and work in different ways, including focused working groups, and suggested some protocols Panels might find helpful to have.
15. At the conclusion of the workshop, delegates were advised that a series of resources would be made available for Panels, due to be launched in March 2022. It was expected that the guidance would include centrally issued Panel guidance, complemented by good practice guides for chairs, members and support officers and video guides on key Panel functions (e.g. strategic thinking and scrutiny good practice)

Police and Crime Panel Annual Report – 2021/22

16. 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 officers.
17. It is proposed that the sub-group will meet virtually between April and July 2022.

18. The final version of the Panel's Annual Report for 2021/22 will be considered at its meeting in September 2022 and publicised as appropriate.

Dates of Future Meetings – 2022/23 Municipal Year

19. The following dates are proposed for the 2022/23 municipal year:

Monday 6 June 2022 (already agreed)	2pm
Monday 12 September 2022	2pm
Monday 14 November 2022	2pm
Thursday 26 January 2023 – Budget Workshop	10.30am
Thursday 2 February 2023 – Budget Workshop	10.30am
Tuesday 7 February 2023 – Budget Meeting	10.30am
Monday 27 March 2023	2pm
Monday 5 June 2023 - AGM	2pm

Other Options Considered

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

Reasons for Recommendation/s

21. 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 a development session for Panel members be arranged on the report of the Strategic Review of Policing in England and Wales before the annual meeting on Monday 6 June 2022.
- 3) That the process for preparation of a response to the Policing Protocol consultation (as set out in the report) be agreed.
- 4) That a sub-group be established by the Panel to produce the Annual Report 2021/22 and to identify Members to join it.
- 5) That the following dates be agreed for the Panel's meetings in the 2022/23 municipal year:

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Background Papers and Published Documents

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

[Terms of reference: Police and Crime Commissioner Review Part 2 \(accessible\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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

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