



## **Durham Police and Crime Panel**

**22 October 2012**

### **Terms of Reference**

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#### **Report of Colette Longbottom, Monitoring Officer**

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#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To advise members of the Terms of Reference of the Panel.
2. To present Terms of Reference for the Panel to agree.

#### **Background**

3. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 sets out the functions of the Panel. Using those functions as a guide, the Terms of Reference for the Panel have been produced.
4. The Terms of Reference are set out in schedule 2 and will form the basis of a constitutional document for the Panel which will include the Panel Arrangements and the Rules of Procedure.
5. The Shadow Police and Crime Panel at its meeting on 22 August noted the content of the draft terms of reference, and that they would be agreed at the first meeting of the formally constituted Panel.

#### **Recommendation**

6. Members are asked to agree the Terms of Reference.

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**Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance** – None specific in this report

**Staffing** – None specific in this report

**Risk** – None specific in this report

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty** – None specific in this report

**Accommodation** - None specific in this report

**Crime and Disorder** - None specific in this report

**Human Rights** - None specific in this report

**Consultation** – None specific in this report

**Procurement** - None specific in this report

**Disability Issues** – None specific in this report

**Legal Implications** – Within the Body of the report

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## **Appendix 2: Terms of Reference**

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### **Durham Police and Crime Panel Terms of Reference**

- 1) To review and make a report or recommendation on the draft police and crime plan, or draft variation, given to the panel by the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 2) Arrange a public meeting of the Panel to be held as soon as practicable after the Panel is sent the annual report made under section 12 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, and ask such questions about the Annual report as members of the Panel think appropriate.
- 3) Review the annual report and make a report or recommendation on the Annual report to the Commissioner.
- 4) To hold a confirmation hearing and review, make a report, and recommendation in respect of proposed senior appointments made by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The senior appointments are the Commissioner's Chief Executive; Chief Finance Officer; and the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 5) To hold a confirmation hearing and review, make a report on the proposed appointment of the Chief Constable, where applicable to exercise the power of veto.
- 6) To review and make a report and recommendation (as necessary) on the proposed precept, where applicable to exercise the power of veto.
- 7) To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the Police and Crime Commissioner in connection with the discharge of the commissioner's functions.
- 8) To make reports or recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner with respect to the discharge of the commissioner's functions.
- 9) To support the effective exercise of the functions of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 10) To fulfil functions in relation to complaints about conduct matters, in accordance with the responsibilities accorded to the panel by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
- 11) To appoint an Acting Police and Crime Commissioner if necessary.
- 12) To suspend the Police and Crime Commissioner if it appears to the panel that the Commissioner has been charged in the United Kingdom or Isle of Man with an offence which carries a maximum term of imprisonment exceeding two years.