

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Shadow Police and Crime Panel** held in Committee Room 1B, County Hall, Durham on **Friday 12 October 2012 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor L Hovvels (Chairman)

Members of the Panel:

Councillors J Armstrong, D Boyes, M Campbell, A Hopgood (substitute for G Huntington), A Laing and D Stoker (Durham County Council)

Councillors I Haszeldine, B Jones (Darlington Borough Council)

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Harker and G Huntington

1 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 August 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman informed the Panel that, following its last meeting, a letter of resignation had been received from Councillor D J Southwell. Councillor D Stoker had been appointed by Durham County Council to fill the vacancy.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Development of the Panel's Work Programme Update

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provided an update on the development of the Panel's Work Programme (for copy see file of Minutes).

Councillor Jones referred to the meetings listed in the report all being held at County Hall, Durham and reminded the Panel that it had agreed venues for future meetings would be at both Durham County Council and Darlington Borough Council offices. The Overview and Scrutiny Manager replied that liaison would take place with officers at Darlington Borough Council for meetings of the Panel to be held after 30 November 2012.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

4 The Police and Crime Panel's (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012, and Guidance on Confirmation Hearings

The Panel considered a joint report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer that provided information on Statutory Instrument 2012, No 2271 'The Police and Crime Panels (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012' and a 'Guidance on Confirmation hearings' document published by the Centre for Public Scrutiny and the Local Government Association (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained within the report be approved.

5 Protocol between Police and Crime Panel, and Overview and Scrutiny Committees

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which sought agreement on working principles between the Durham Police and Crime Panel and Overview and Scrutiny arrangements at Durham County Council and Darlington Borough Council (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Overview and Scrutiny Manager informed the Panel that, if approved, the report would be taken to the first meeting of the Police and Crime Panel to be held on 22 October 2012.

Resolved:

That the report be approved.

6 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

7 Appointment of Independent Co-opted Members

The Panel considered a report of the Monitoring Officer which recommended the appointment of two people to the Police and Crime Panel (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be approved.