



Durham Police and Crime Panel

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Supporting Guidance from the Local Government Association

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Purpose of the Report

- 1 To inform members of the Panel on supporting information and guidance from the Local Government Association (LGA) on Police and Crime Panel and related issues.

Detail

- 2 Throughout the past year the LGA has provided assistance to host authorities in establishing the Police and Crime Panels (PCP) within England and are now looking ahead to how they can assist panels in their first six months in operation.
- 3 To date the LGA together with the Centre for Public Scrutiny has published guides covering the scrutiny role of panels and how confirmation hearings might be conducted. In addition, they are planning to publish a guide to the handling of complaints, which will complement publications on the same topic by the Home Office and the Independent Police Complaints Commission.
- 4 To support these written materials, the LGA have also established an on-line support network for Members on Police and Crime Panels and the officers supporting them. The purpose of the support network is to share experiences, emerging good practice and discuss problems they face.
5. All Members of the Police and Crime Panel are encouraged to join this support network by accessing the following link:
<https://knowledgehub.local.gov.uk/web/policeandcrimepanelsupportandwidernetworkinggroup>
- 6 Publications relating to the PCP are available from their website, together videos and training materials. Appendix 2 to this report provides Members with narrative and a link to access each of the LGA's publications.

Recommendation

- 1) That Members of the Police and Crime Panel note information contained within this report.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

None

Staffing

None

Risk

None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

None

Accommodation

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Human Rights

None

Consultation

None

Procurement

None

Disability Issues

None

Legal Implications

None

Reference Documents - Local Government Association

Document Name	Commentary	Link to Document
APACE guidance on police and crime plans	Publication by the Association of Police Authority Chief Executives (APACE) providing guidance on developing a police and crime plan.	https://knowledgehub.local.gov.uk/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=5f8d9d3d-5f66-4ed4-9270-9e4ea52cc892&groupId=5490010
Police and Crime Commissioners – Equality, Diversity and Human Rights	The APA/APCC have produced a guide for PCCs on equality, diversity and human rights responsibilities. Although this document is really aimed at PCCs, it will also be of interest to panels who will need to be aware of guidance on PCC responsibilities.	https://knowledgehub.local.gov.uk/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=eb324fb6-be0e-4565-8467-4578259e42b2&groupId=5490010
Police and Crime Panels - A Guide to Scrutiny	<p>Joint guidance from the Centre for Public Scrutiny and the LGA on how panels might carry out their scrutiny role.</p> <p>The guidance looks at some of the other bodies involved and linkages with overview and scrutiny committees that oversee community safety partnerships. The guide includes suggestions on programming the work of the panel, different methodologies and some of the practical issues to consider when planning formal meetings and attendance of the PCC, and the Chief Constable. The guidance also considers the key supporting role of task and finish groups.</p>	https://knowledgehub.local.gov.uk/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=64531798-b015-42dc-be5d-d4d721d9c8ba&groupId=5490010
Police and Crime Panels - guidance on confirmation hearings	Joint guidance from the Centre for Public Scrutiny and the LGA on how panels about conducting confirmation hearings for PCC's chief constables, deputy PCCs, chief executives and chief finance officer appointments	https://knowledgehub.local.gov.uk/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=ff552e0a-a872-4f2a-99df-964e799453d7&groupId=5490010
Home Office Policing Order and Protocol clarifying roles	The Order issues the Secretary of State's Policing Protocol which is required under section 79 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. It is designed to set out the ways in which relevant parties should exercise functions (or refrain from exercising) so as to encourage, maintain or improve working relationships and limit or prevent overlap and duplication.	https://knowledgehub.local.gov.uk/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=4cc02c37-ae33-4d56-80d1-1803c90b42a2&groupId=5490010