

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **Police and Crime Panel** held in Committee Room 1B, County Hall, Durham on **Friday 30 November 2012 at 11.00 am**

### **Present:**

**Councillor L Hovvels (Chairman)**

### **Members of the Committee:**

Councillors J Armstrong, D Boyes, M Campbell, G Huntington and A Laing

### **Darlington Borough Council:**

Councillors I Haszeldine, S Harker and B Jones

### **Independent Co-opted Members:**

N Vaulks and K Larkin-Bramley

### **Other Members:**

Councillors A Hopgood and B Stephens

### **Apologies:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Stoker

## **1 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 12 and 22 October 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **3 Introduction of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

The Chairman introduced and congratulated the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner, Ron Hogg.

The Police and Crime Commissioner gave a presentation highlighting his priorities and key issues:

- Engage with the community to build trust and confidence
- Develop an interactive website and social media network
- Create a team to address domestic abuse, hate crime and anti-social behaviour

- Appoint a Chief Constable by the end of January 2013
- Precept
- Working closely with key partnership agencies and voluntary sector
- Memorandum of understanding with Police and Crime Panels.

The Commissioner responded to questions from members of the Panel which provided clarification on his role, staffing establishment, consultation with the public and the role and appointment of an Audit Committee.

#### **4 The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012**

The Panel considered a report of the Monitoring Officer which advised the Panel of its obligations under the Elected Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 (for copy see file of minutes).

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations contained within the report be approved.

#### **5 Supporting Guidance from the Local Government Association**

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which informed members on the supporting information and guidance from the Local Government Association (LGA) on Police and Crime Panel and related issues (for copy see file of minutes).

**Resolved:**

The Panel noted the information contained within the report.

#### **6 Letter from the Minister of State for Policing and Criminal Justice**

The Monitoring Officer asked the Panel to note the contents of a letter received from the Rt Hon Damian Green, MP, Minister of State for Policing and Criminal Justice which provided details on the role of Police and Crime Panels as set out in legislation (for copy see file of minutes).

**Resolved:**

The Panel noted the information contained within the letter.

*The Chairman agreed that in order to keep members informed the next item of business could be reported.*

#### **7 Lead Officer for the Police and Crime Panel**

The Chairman informed the Panel that Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive, Durham County Council will be the lead officer for the Police and Crime Panel.