



Durham Police and Crime Panel

22nd June 2015

Police and Crime Panel Work Programme 2015/16

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide information to Members of the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) and seek agreement to the Panel's Work Programme for 2015/16.

Background

2. The Panel's rules of procedure state that the PCP will be responsible for setting its own work programme taking into account the priorities defined by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) within the context of the Police and Crime Plan and Annual Report. The work programme must also include the functions described in the terms of reference for the panel.
3. The work programme will enable the PCP to plan and focus on how it will effectively provide challenge to the PCC and deliver its responsibilities within the context of the terms of reference and rules of procedure namely:
 - Review and comment on the Draft Police and Crime Plan and Precept
 - Reviewing the PCC's Annual Report
 - Holding confirmation hearings following a proposed appointment by the PCC to the posts of Chief Constable and Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Finance Officer within the Commissioner's Office.
4. The Panel can also establish 'Sub Committees and Task Groups' to undertake specific task based work on issues it deems necessary in line with its remit.

Panel Activity 2014/15

5. Throughout 2014/15, the Police and Crime Panel have held 6 meetings and its work programme and activity has included:
 - Receiving reports on hate crime and HMIC inspection report and updates;

- Receiving presentations on WOW awards, violence against women and girls 'one year on', mental health and initiatives Checkpoint and Mutual Gain;
 - Monitoring and providing challenge to the Police and Crime Commissioner's budget and police crime plan;
 - Undertaking review activity that identified a number of recommendations that were agreed to enhance challenge to the PCC and create a consistent agenda for panel meetings;
 - A recruitment exercise and appointment of two co-opted independent Members in October 2014;
 - Reviewing working arrangement documents with Overview and Scrutiny functions within both local authorities and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Police and Crime Commissioner.
6. The panel has not been required to undertake any confirmation hearings in 2014/15 but has fulfilled its requirements within the Act through reviewing the PCC's annual report, precept and revised Police and Crime Plan 2015 – 17.

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7. Review activity undertaken in 2014/15 agreed an approach for Panel Meetings to include where appropriate, the following as standard agenda items:
- Decisions by the PCC;
 - Commissioning activity of the PCC in relation to priority areas of the Police and Crime Plan;
 - A presentation that focuses on an area on delivery of a priority area within the Police and Crime Plan; and
 - Feedback reports from HMIC inspections
8. The report also agreed that the Panel's meeting in December includes a report on the PCC's budget and precept consultation.
9. Panel Members also requested to undertake a development session. It is suggested that following the Panel's AGM, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Panel arrangements are made to hold a development session for Panel Members.
10. Within this context, Appendix 2 outlines a work programme for 2015/16. It is to note that the work programme is to be flexible to accommodate additional items throughout the year.

Recommendation

11. That Members of the Police and Crime Panel consider information within this report and Appendix 2 and agree a work programme for 2015/16.

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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 – This is a key focus of the work of the panel reflected in its work programme.

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – Information with this report aims to achieve the Panel's responsibilities in line with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Police and Crime Panel – Work Programme 2015/16

Date & Time	Suggested Items for Work Programme
22 nd June 2015 Committee Room 1B, County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2015-16 • Delivering an efficient policing service: Consideration of Medium Term Financial Plan • Consideration of Q4 – Public Performance Report • Review of PCC Annual Report 2014-15 • PCP Work Programme • PCC Commissioning Activity • PCC Decisions • HMIC Inspection Reports
20 th October 2015 10:00 am Committee Room 1A, County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Update on Police and Crime Plan • Decisions by the PCC • PCC Commissioning Activity • Checkpoint – update report requested at March 15 meeting • Mental health - update report requested at March 15 meeting • Q1 Police and Crime Plan update Report • Q1 Public Performance Report • Review of Annual Governance Statement • HMIC inspections
2 nd December 2015 10:00am Committee Room 1A, County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precept Setting Consultation • Decisions by the PCC • Q2 Police and Crime Plan update Report • Q2 Public Performance Report • PCC Commissioning Activity • Presentation that focuses on an area on delivery of a priority area within the Police and Crime Plan • HMIC inspections
1 st February 2016 10:00 am Committee Room 1A, County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police and Crime Commissioner's Proposed Precept for 2016/17 • Q3 Police and Crime Plan update Report • Q3 Public Performance Report • Decisions by the PCC • PCC Commissioning Activity • Presentation that focuses on an area on delivery of a priority area within the Police and Crime Plan • HMIC inspections
3 rd March 2016 10:00 am Committee Room 1A, County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions by the PCC • PCC Commissioning Activity • Presentation that focuses on an area on delivery of a priority area within the Police and Crime Plan • HMIC inspections