



Durham Police and Crime Panel

19th July 2016

Police and Crime Panel Work Programme 2016/17

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, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC) 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 PCVC 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 PCVC's Annual Report
 - Holding confirmation hearings following a proposed appointment by the PCVC 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 2015/16

5. Throughout 2015/16, the Police and Crime Panel have held 6 meetings and has also:
 - held a Development Session on Alcohol and Crime Reduction;
 - agreed its work programme that has included presentations/reports on Mental Health, development of the Checkpoint reducing re-offending programme,

restorative approaches, progress reports on delivery of priority areas within the PCC's Police and Crime Plan and Collaboration between Police and Fire Services within County Durham & Darlington;

- attended a number of events by the OPCC including the Official Opening of Police HQ, Problem Orientated Policing Awards, Preventing Violence against Women and Girls conference and the PCC's Alcohol Harm Reduction Conference;
 - responded to recommendations within a report from the Committee for Standards in Public titled 'Tone from the Top – Leadership, ethics and accountability in policing';
 - undertaken an online Counter Terrorism Awareness Course;
 - received and responded to reports on performance, PCC decisions, Commissioning activity and outcomes of HMIC Inspections;
 - fulfilled its requirements within the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act to review the PCC's annual report and precept.
6. The panel has not been required to undertake any confirmation hearings in 2015/16 but has fulfilled its requirements within the Act through reviewing the PCC's annual report, precept and Police and Crime Plan 2015 – 17.

Panel Work Programme 2016/17

7. Within this context, Appendix 2 outlines a work programme for 2016/17. It is to note that the work programme is to be flexible to accommodate additional items throughout the year.

Recommendation

8. That Members of the Police and Crime Panel consider information within this report and Appendix 2 and agree a work programme for 2016/17.

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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 2016/17

Date & Time	Suggested Items for Work Programme
19 th July 2016 1.30 pm Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2016-17 • HMIC Inspection overview • Review of PCC Annual Report 2015-16 • Report on Draft Police, Crime and Victims' Plan • Q4 – Public Performance Report • PCP Work Programme • PCC Commissioning Activity • Refresh of Memorandum of Understanding • PCC Decisions • HMIC Inspection Reports
28 th October 2016 10:00 am County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Police and Crime Plan (formal comment by PCP) • Collaboration of Police and Fire Services • Checkpoint • Mental Health • Criminal Justice Review • Victims Strategic Needs Assessment • Decisions by the PCC • Q1 Public Performance Report • HMIC inspections
5 th January 2017 1.00pm County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precept Setting Consultation • Decisions by the PCC • Q2 Public Performance Report • PCC Commissioning Activity • HMIC inspections
2 nd February 2017 10:00 am County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police and Crime Commissioner's Proposed Precept for 2017/18 • Decisions by the PCC • PCC Commissioning Activity • HMIC inspections
10 th March 2017 10:00 am County Hall, Durham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q3 Public Performance Report • Budget 2017/18 • Decisions by the PCC • PCC Commissioning Activity • HMIC inspections