

Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel

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Subject: Panel Meeting Dates and Work Programme 2023/24

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Executive Summary:

This report details the work programme and proposed meeting dates for the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel for 2023/24. The report also includes details of the Panel's training and development programme.

This report was prepared after consultation with:

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List of background papers as required by law:

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

The Police and Crime Panels (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012

Other helpful papers:

A guide to scrutiny, Local Government Association and the Centre for Public Scrutiny

Is the report Exempt: No

Background

1. The Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel (the Panel) is responsible for setting its own work programme taking into account the tasks that the Panel must undertake (as defined in legislation) and the priorities defined by the Commissioner within the context of the Police and Crime Plan.
2. The Panel is required to meet a minimum of four times a year. The work programme enables the Panel to plan and focus on how it will effectively support and provide challenge to the Commissioner.
3. There are a number of tasks that the Panel must itself undertake:
 - a. Review and make recommendations on the draft Police and Crime Plan (and all variations to it);
 - b. Review and make recommendations on the draft Precept;
 - c. Review and make recommendations on the Commissioner's Annual Report;

- d. Hold Confirmation Hearings for the:
 - i. Chief Executive Officer and Chief Finance Officer of the Commissioner's Office;
 - ii. Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (if appointed); and
 - iii. Chief Constable.
4. There are a number of tasks that the Panel must undertake, but can delegate to a sub-committee or task group of the Panel:
 - a. Review or scrutinise and make recommendations with regard to the decisions or actions of the Commissioner in the discharge of his functions. As part of this, the Panel may carry out investigations into the decisions of the Commissioner and into matters of particular interest or public concern;
 - b. Receive notification from the Commissioner of any suspension of the Chief Constable, or any proposal to call upon a Chief Constable to retire or resign, and in the case of the latter the Panel must make a recommendation to the Commissioner as to whether or not the Commissioner should call for the retirement or resignation;
 - c. Appoint an acting Commissioner if no person holds the office of PCC, the PCC is incapacitated (i.e. unable to fulfil the functions of the PCC) or if the PCC is suspended;
 - d. Monitor complaints against the Commissioner and deal with non-criminal complaints.
5. **Appendix A** details the Panel's schedule of meetings and its current work programme for 2023/24.
6. **Appendix A** also details the Panel's latest training and development programme. The training and development programme is aimed at equipping Panel Members with the knowledge and skills to undertake their role. In addition to this programme Panel Members attend development and networking events throughout the year.

Recommendation

That the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel advises of any revisions to its work programme and training and development programme.

REASON: To enable the Panel to undertake its business.