POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – FORWARD PLAN

30 OCTOBER 2015

FORWARD PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report sets out a possible annual Forward Plan to inform the business of the Police and Crime Panel. It allows for the Panel to meet its statutory functions. It assumes that much of the detailed work to support the Police and Crime Panel and the Police and Crime Commissioner will be undertaken by the Police and Crime Steering Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Panel members are invited to note, comment upon and suggest any changes they wish to make on the proposed Forward Plan for the Panel, which is attached to this report.

2.2 If agreed, the Plan will result in three meetings of the Panel per year - normally in January, June and October. Ad hoc meetings may be required to allow consideration of any proposed senior appointments by the PCC and possibly to enable detailed consideration of precept and budget reports.

3. FORWARD PLAN: RULES OF PROCEDURE

3.1 The Panel Arrangements require the Panel to set its own programme, having regard to:

(a) the requirement to properly undertake the functions and responsibilities of the GMPCP as set out in the Police Reform Act;

(b) the priorities defined by the PCC; and

(c) the views of Members and advisers as to the appropriate work to be undertaken.

3.2 The Police Reform Act is quite specific about the functions and responsibilities of the Police and Crime Panel:

- scrutiny of the Commissioner’s Police and Crime Plan
- scrutiny of the Commissioner’s Annual Report
- review of the Commissioner’s proposed senior appointments (to the roles of Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and Deputy Commissioner)
• scrutiny, including the right to veto, of the Commissioner’s precept proposals
• review, including the right to veto, the Commissioner’s proposed appointment of the Chief Constable

3.3 The timings for consideration of the precept and any confirmation hearings are set out in Regulations, and in the Panel’s Rules of Procedure. These are reflected as necessary in the draft Forward Plan.

3.4 The Panel is also responsible for ensuring the initial handing and informal resolution of complaints against the PCC. Initial handling and informal resolution of complaints has been delegated by the Panel to the lead Chief Executive, and then to a small sub-committee, chaired by the police and crime portfolio lead. The Forward Plan allows for an annual complaints monitoring report to the Panel.

3.5 Confirmation hearings for any senior appointments (including that of Chief Constable) will be factored into the Forward Plan as required. It may be that ad hoc meetings are required to consider such appointments (dependent on the timing of notification from the PCC). The Rules of Procedure delegate the calling of an ad hoc meeting to the Chair.

3.6 The Panel is also able to review or scrutinise the decisions or actions of the Commissioner in connection with the discharge of his functions. In this context, it is suggested that the Panel consider a mid-year and end-year performance report from the PCC. The latter would be considered alongside the PCCs Annual Report. It is also suggested that the lead Chief Executive monitor the PCCs own Key Decisions, and in liaison with the Chair, police and crime portfolio lead, and the PCC agree those issues that should come to the Panel. Issues brought to the Panel would satisfy two tests: have potentially significant affects on communities living within Greater Manchester, or any matter likely to impact on services or budgets of local authorities.

3.7 The Forward Plan assumes the majority of issues will be considered by the Police and Crime Steering Group. This might include iterative development of the Police and Crime Plan, the development of delivery plans and projects to support the Plan, the development of a PCC commissioning framework etc. A parallel and more detailed Forward Plan is being developed for the Police and Crime Steering Group taking into account wider crime and disorder issues.
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**Scrutiny of the Police and Crime Plan - Panel consideration of any proposed updates / revisions to the Plan (if necessary)**  

**Reports of the PCC** | Adam Allen, Chief Executive OPCC/ Mike Owen, Lead Chief Executive  
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