

REPORT TO SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

1.	Meeting:	Police and Crime Panel
2.	Date:	16 December 2016
3.	Title:	PCC's Governance Arrangements
4.	Organisation:	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire

FOR INFORMATION

5. Interim Governance Meeting Structure

The PCC's Governance arrangements, including the Joint Corporate Governance Framework, are currently being reviewed. Ahead of the review an Interim Governance Meeting structure has been implemented (attached at Appendix A).

6. Independent Assurance Panels

As can be seen from Appendix A a number of independent assurance panels feed into the governance meeting structures.

The Joint Independent Audit Committee ('JIAC')

JIAC is a non-executive function of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and SYP. Its main purpose is to provide independent assurance about the adequacy and effectiveness of the governance, risk, data quality, internal control and financial management arrangements of those organisations.

Members must reside or work in South Yorkshire and be independent of both the Force and the PCC.

Members are appointed for a period of one 3-year term, and be eligible for re-appointment for one additional term.

The Committee will under normal circumstances, meet at least 5 times per year. Meetings are scheduled to coincide with the key responsibilities and functions of the Committee. Members will be expected to carry out other duties in connection with their role, including but not limited to, reading reports, being available for advice, or asked to input into project groups.

This role attracts an allowance and all reasonable expenses incurred will be reimbursed.

The Committee consists of five members, although currently has two vacancies. A recruitment process has just taken place, however, due to a low response will be going back out to advert shortly.

The Independent Ethics Panel

The Panel provides independent and effective challenge and assurance around integrity, standards and ethics of decision-making in SYP.

It meets quarterly and consists of five independent members. All members live in South Yorkshire and have a wide range of skills and experience which they use to help improve transparency, accountability and trust in South Yorkshire Police.

A national Code of Ethics was written for all police forces earlier in July 2014. It has been adopted by South Yorkshire Police and the Office of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner. The Independent Ethics Panel supports and monitors work to embed the Code across all the functions and activities of the Force, and also those within the PCC's office.

The Panel has no decision making powers, although they are able to make recommendations to the PCC and the Chief Constable.

This role attracts an allowance and all reasonable expenses incurred are reimbursed.

Members were chosen following the OPCC's recruitment and selection process.

Independent Advisory Panel for Minority Communities

The Independent Advisory Panel for Minority Communities advises the Force and the PCC on issues of concern to minority groups. These may be minority groups of any kind, including ethnic or religious minorities. The Panel does not seek to represent all possible minority communities but it does have members from a broad range.

The panel seeks to ensure as many communities as possible can put forward their views on police and crime issues and that the police have a more engaging role in policing our communities.

There are currently 13 members on the Panel, they do not receive an allowance but all reasonable expenses incurred can be reimbursed.

Membership of this panel is by invitation from the PCC in consultation with the chair. This is to give some flexibility in recruiting from new or emerging communities.

Independent Policing Protests Advisory Panel

As a result of a report into the engagement of SYP with communities following a protest in Rotherham on 5 September 2015, the PCC established an

Independent Policing Protests Advisory Panel to work with SYP in the planning and learning stages of managing protest and marches.

The Panel convenes to provide advice to SYP when a group indicates it will be protesting on any issue within South Yorkshire. Members will support the Force by offering comment on the Force's proposals for handling the event and work with them in advance of any protest, as well as being in attendance to observe on the day and helping to learn lessons from the event and make recommendations for managing future protests.

The Panel is made up of members of the PCC's Independent Ethics Panel and Independent Advisory Panel for Minority Communities. There are eight members on the Panel.

This role attracts an allowance and all reasonable expenses incurred are reimbursed.

Independent Custody Visitors

The Independent Custody Visiting Scheme is where members of the public visit police stations unannounced, to check that people held in custody are being treated properly. The people who carry out these visits are volunteers recruited after advertisement from a variety of backgrounds and sections of the South Yorkshire community. They must be over 18 years of age. They do not receive an allowance but all reasonable expenses incurred are reimbursed.

There are 29 Independent Custody Visitors. Vacancies are advertised and members are chosen following the OPCC's recruitment and selection process.

Further information on the PCC's various Panels can be found on his website at <http://www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/Home.aspx>

7. Background Papers and Consultation

All background papers used in the preparation of this report are available for inspection at the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner, Carbrook House, Carbrook Hall Road, Sheffield, S9 2EH

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