

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

1.	Meeting:	Police and Crime Panel
2.	Date:	16 December 2016
3.	Title:	Future Activity and Dates of Meetings

4. Summary

- 4.1 To report on the outcome of work planning session held by the Police and Crime Panel on 18 November 2016 and to identify future meeting dates to accord with statutory provisions in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 municipal years.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 That the Panel notes the items identified for inclusion within the work programme.
- 5.2 That the Panel identify any further matters for inclusion within the work programme.
- 5.3 That the schedule of meeting dates for the remainder of the 2016/17 municipal year and for the forthcoming 2017/18 municipal year be agreed, subject to consultation with the host authority of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

6. Work Programme

- 6.1 On 18 November 2016, the Panel held a work programme planning session to consider items and issues for examination throughout the year. The session also focused on different approaches to scrutiny activity and to the way in which the Panel can act as a “critical friend” to both the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire and to South Yorkshire Police.
- 6.2 The following items were identified by Members as warranting further scrutiny, oversight or challenge:
- the Governance Arrangements of the Police and Crime Commissioner
 - the financial position of South Yorkshire Police and the Office of the PCC
 - the implementation of the recommendations arising from the Peer Review of South Yorkshire Police
 - Scrutiny of the Police and Crime Plan
- 6.3 The Panel has the discretion to determine how it wishes to undertake its scrutiny activity. In doing so, it must have regard to the resources available to support it in its activity and the potential value or intended outcome from that activity. In the work planning session, Members mooted the notion of establishing small groups of Panel Members to work together on specific themes or appointing Champions

for specific areas under its remit. The Panel should give consideration as to how it wishes to proceed before confirming its work plan for the remainder of the year.

- 6.4 Following the session on 18 November 2016, the Police and Crime Commissioner has written to invite the Panel to contribute to the Strategic Planning Process to inform the new Police and Crime Plan and has sought Members' input by 14 December 2016, which is prior to this meeting taking place.

7. Dates of Future Meetings

- 7.1 The Panel has previously agreed to hold meetings on 24 February and 21 April 2017. The previous agenda item in respect of Home Office guidance on the scrutiny of precept proposals requires the Commissioner to share his proposal by 1 February 2017 and for the Panel to have met by 8 February 2017 to respond. In order to comply with that provision it will be necessary to agree a date to meet during that period.

- 7.2 With regard to the next municipal year, it is recommended that, subject to consultation with the host authority and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the following dates be provisionally agreed for Panel meetings:-

Friday 9 June 2017 at 10.00am (Member Briefing at 9.00am)
Friday 21 July 2017 at 10.00am (Member Briefing at 9.00am)
Friday 29 September 2017 at 10.00am (Member Briefing at 9.00am)
Friday 15 December 2017 at 10.00am (Member Briefing at 9.00am)
Wednesday 7 February 2018 at 10.00am (Member Briefing at 9.00am)
Friday 21 April 2018 at 10.00am (Member Briefing at 9.00am)

8. Governance Arrangements

- 8.1 The Panel has expressly requested the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding to manage the relationship between itself and the Police and Crime Commissioner. Since the previous meeting, discussions have taken place with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner which have indicated that a protocol had previously been prepared by the host authority. It is intended to review this document with a view to bringing it before the Panel at its next meeting in February 2016 and to consult with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner as to the content in the meantime.
- 8.2 The Panel's website (www.southyorkspcp.org.uk) has not been updated in some time. It is proposed that officers from the host authority be instructed to improve the presentation of the website to encourage more public engagement and to better explain the role and work of the Panel. It is envisaged that significant improvements will have been made by the time of the next meeting.

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