

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

1.	Meeting:	Police and Crime Panel
2.	Date:	7 February 2017
3.	Title:	Host Authority Arrangements
4.	Directorate:	Assistant Chief Executive's Office, Rotherham MBC

5. Summary

To provide an update on the host authority arrangements for the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel from 1 April 2017 onwards.

6. Recommendations

That the report be noted.

7. Background

7.1 Police and Crime Panels were established under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. Whilst the conception of such joint committees was very much a last minute addition to the legislation, significant progress has been made to date across England and Wales since 2012 in developing the role of Police and Crime Panels as forums for not only holding Police and Crime Commissioners to account across the 42 police force areas, but for developing policy and representing and reflecting the concerns of local people and communities.

7.2 Since 2012, Rotherham MBC has been the host authority for the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel. At the time that the Panel was established it was agreed that this would arrangement for continue for four years. In that time, the Panel has undertaken significant work responding to local issues that have also attracted national attention.

7.3 The Leaders of the South Yorkshire Councils recently considered a proposal for the South Yorkshire Joint Governance Unit, located at Barnsley MBC, to assume responsibility as the host authority for the Police and Crime Panel. The paper presented to the Leaders reflected the significant work that the Panel has undertaken during the current municipal year and noted the aspirations of Members for a more proactive approach towards scrutiny of policing and community safety issues in South Yorkshire.

7.4 The Leaders agreed to the proposal for the South Yorkshire Governance Unit to assume responsibility for the administration and support of the Police and Crime Panel from 1 April 2017.

7.5 A further report will be brought to the next meeting confirming the handover of the host authority arrangements from Rotherham MBC to the South Yorkshire Joint Governance Unit. .

8. Finance

None

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None

10. Background Papers

Nil

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