

## SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

<b>1. Meeting:</b>	Police and Crime Panel
<b>2. Date:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2013
<b>3. Title:</b>	Update upon the handling of Complaints
<b>4. Organisation:</b>	Monitoring Officer, RMBC – Host Authority

### **5. Summary**

To update the Police and Crime Panel upon the handling of complaints received against the Police and Crime Commissioner.

### **6. Recommendations**

That the Panel notes the content of the report.

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## **7. Proposals and Details**

The Panel at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 approved the procedure for handling complaints against the Police and Crime Commissioner.

In accordance with regulation 6(1) of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 the Panel has a duty to ensure it is kept informed of the handling of such complaints.

Since the meeting of the Panel on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 the following matters have been considered:-

1. A complaint that the Commissioner had failed to respond to correspondence.

The Office of the Commissioner confirmed that a response had been sent, although with some delay. Following consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair the matter was not accepted as a formal complaint and no further action was taken.

2. A complaint that the Commissioner was making statements in support of a political candidate.

Following consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair it was determined that as the Panel had considered a very similar complaint at its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013, the complaint would not be referred to the Panel for resolution.

A full explanation of the earlier decision was provided to the complainant.

3. A comment regarding a failure of the Commissioner to show support for the Chief Constable.

Having consulted with the Chair and Vice Chair it was determined that the communication took the form of a comment and did not reveal a complaint. Therefore the matter was not referred to the Panel.

There are two further complaints in relation to which, in accordance with the Panel's complaints procedure, the comments of the Commissioner are being sought. These will be reported to a future meeting of the Panel.

## **8. Finance**

No implications

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

A robust and transparent complaints procedure strengthens the governance arrangements of the Panel.

## **10. Background Papers and Consultation**

None

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