

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel
2.	Date:	2 nd September 2013
3.	Title:	Report of the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee on Police and Crime Commissioners Register of Interests
4.	Organisation:	RMBC – Host Authority SCC

5. Summary

This report provides members with a briefing on the above report, focusing on the outcomes and implications for South Yorkshire

6. Recommendations

That the Panel:

- **Note the report**
- **Consider the implications for their future work**
- **Consider any increased powers for the PCP they would like to suggest**

7. Proposals and details

Attached at appendix A is a member briefing that outlines the findings contained within the published report and focuses on the issues that particularly affect South Yorkshire.

Members are asked to consider whether they wish to address or respond to any of the issues contained within this briefing.

The LGA has advised that it understands that there is likely to be a further hearing of the Home Affairs Select Committee before the end of the year which is likely to focus on the powers of PCCs and PCPs. Recent comments from Keith Vaz MP who chairs the committee indicate that this may have been triggered at least in part by the recent involuntary resignation of the Chief Constable in Gwent. This gave the impression that the operation of PCCs and panels and the balance of power between them needed to be looked at, particularly in relation to the dismissal of chief constables.

To help develop a *wider* position on the adequacy of powers available to panels, the LGA would like to gather any views from officers and panel members. Members are requested to consider whether they would like to respond to this and make any suggestions.

8. Finance

There are no immediate financial implications of this report.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Effective work programming and understanding of the appropriate role for PCPs are both key to avoiding undue risks in carrying out their functions.

Background Papers and Consultation

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