

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

1.	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Police and Crime Panel</b>
2.	<b>Date:</b>	<b>30<sup>TH</sup> January 2015</b>
3.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Report of the Legal Adviser – Update on the Operation of the Complaints Procedure</b>
4.	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Resources</b>

### **5. Summary**

To update the Panel upon the handling of complaints since the last report.

### **6. Recommendations**

That the Panel notes the actions that have been taken in respect of complaints.

## **7. Proposals and Details**

The following complaints have been received:-

A complaint regarding the failure of the former Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Tracey Cheetham to properly deal with e-mails from a complainant.

Having consulted with the Chair and Vice Chair, it was considered that the complaint was trivial or otherwise an abuse of the process for dealing with complaints and that no further action would be taken. The complainant was informed of the decision and is in correspondence with the Legal Adviser.

A complaint, regarding the former Police and Crime Commissioner, in respect of which the Legal Adviser met with the complainants in May 2014. The complainants were invited to submit further details of the complaint, which have not been forthcoming. The complainants have been informed that the complaint will not be proceeded with.

A complaint regarding the former Police and Crime Commissioner, which is related to the complaint mentioned above. As the former Commissioner has resigned the complaint will not be proceeded with.

Following the publication of the Jay report on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2014, 17 complainants have lodged complaints regarding the actions of Shaun Wright, the former South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Three of those complaints have been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) as the allegations related to the potential criminal offence of misconduct in public office. No determination has yet been made by the IPCC regarding these referrals.

The of complaints have all been acknowledged and, other than in respect of those complaints referred to the IPCC, no further action will be taken as the former Police and Crime Commissioner has now resigned from office.

In addition a significant number of comments were received by the Legal Adviser, which did not constitute formal complaints, all of which were acknowledged.

## **8. Finance**

None

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

None

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

The files held by the Legal Adviser.

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