

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Panel

1st February 2018

Title: Panel Arrangements and Rules of Procedure

Recommendation:-

The Panel is requested to:-

- (i) Review the proposed amendments to the Panel Arrangements document in advance of its referral to the Constituent Authorities for endorsement as required by Schedule 6 Part 2 section 3 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
- (ii) Agree the proposed amendments to the Panel's Rules of Procedure.

1. Summary

The initial set up arrangements for the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Panel were overseen by a Joint Selection Committee of all Avon and Somerset Council Leaders (LJSC). The Panel Arrangements document emerging from these discussions and agreed by the LJSC on 11th June 2012, is attached as Appendix 1 to this report and sets out the Panel's governance arrangements.

The change in administering authority now concluded, the Panel is taking the opportunity to review its operating arrangements and ensure that it runs as effectively as possible and continues to fulfil its statutory functions.

In accordance with Schedule 6 Part 2 section 3 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Panel is required to seek the endorsement of the Constituent Authorities before any amendments to the document can be adopted.

2. Purpose of the report

The purpose of this report is to keep members sighted on the content of the document and proposed amendments before the Constituent Authorities are invited to endorse it.

The version of the document presented at Appendix 1 is the one agreed by the LJSC on 11th June 2012 with proposed amendments highlighted for ease of reference and a new

Annex A that sets out the Panel's proposed method of contribution in the event of a shortfall in funding. This was agreed by the Panel on 24th October 2017 and is based on population estimates and an assumed deficit of £10,000 (although the Panel continues to operate within budget). This method of contribution accords with the principle of indemnity agreed by the LJSC in 2012 which requires the Constituent Authorities to offset any shortfall should running costs exceed the available funding (reference paragraph 5.2).

The Rules of Procedure are referenced at paragraph 9 of the Panel Arrangements and it is for the Panel to agree any amendments. The version presented to you for consideration at Appendix 2 is the version adopted by the Panel on 31st October 2012 with proposed amendments highlighted.

3. Conclusion

The Panel operates within a governance framework previously agreed by the Constituent Authorities in 2012. Due to the passage of time and the experience of the Panel in the intervening period, there are some amendments which can be usefully incorporated into these arrangements. Following consideration by the Panel and endorsement by the Constituent Authorities, the Panel Arrangements document may be formally adopted by the Panel.

Following agreement, the revised Rules of Procedure will guide how business is conducted and will ensure that the Panel meets its statutory requirements.

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