



Date: Tuesday, 25th March 2025

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY

Membership:

Councillor Heather Shearer

Julie Knight

Councillor Lisa Durston

Councillor Cara Lavan

Councillor Sibusiso Tshabalala

Councillor Ann Morgan

Councillor Andy Wait

Richard Brown

Gary Davies

Councillor Peter Crew

Councillor Stuart Davies

Councillor Brian Bolt

Councillor Nicola Clark

Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts

Councillor Martin Wale

Councillor John Bradbury

Councillor Raj Sood

Somerset Council

Independent Member

Bristol City Council

Bristol City Council

Bristol City Council

Bath & North East Somerset

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Agenda
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1 **Apologies for Absence**

2 **Public Question Time**

Members of the public who reside or work in the Avon and Somerset Force area may submit a statement or petition or ask a maximum of two questions at a Panel meeting.

Statements or questions should be e-mailed to Patricia.Jones@somerset.gov.uk, or sent to the Democratic Services Team, County Hall Taunton TA1 4DY (marked for the attention of Patricia Jones). Statements must be received no later than **12 noon on Monday 24th March 2025**. Questions must be received no later than 3 clear working days before the meeting (**5pm on Wednesday 19th March 2025**).

Please note that all statements and questions must relate to matters that fall within the Panel's functions and responsibilities.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

The Statutory Register of Member's Interests can be inspected by contacting Patricia Jones in the Democratic Services Team on Tel: 07855 284506 or patricia.jones@somerset.gov.uk.

4 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February 2025 (Pages 11 - 26)**

To confirm as a correct record.

5 **Matters Arising**

To consider any matters arising or actions emerging from the minutes.

6 **Chair's Business**

To receive any updates from the Chair.

7 Review of Independent Member Appointments (Pages 27 - 28)

To review the appointments of the Panel's Independent Members.

8 Tackling Disproportionality (Pages 29 - 36)

To receive and consider a report from the Tackling Disproportionality Steering Committee.

9 Commissioner's Update Report (Pages 37 - 50)

To receive an update on the Commissioner's activities since the last meeting.

10 Performance Report (Pages 51 - 60)

To consider and discuss the latest performance information.

11 Standing Complaints Report (Pages 61 - 64)

To provide the Panel with an overview of all complaints.

12 Work Programme (Pages 65 - 68)

To note the current work programme.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for June 2025, date and time TBC.