Date: Wednesday, 20th March 2024

Time: 10.30am

Venue: John Meikle Room, The Deane House, Belvedere Road,

Taunton TA1 1HE

Membership:

Councillor Andy Wait Bath & North East Somerset
Councillor Ann Morgan Bath & North East Somerset

Councillor Asher Craig

Councillor Jonathan Hucker

Richard Brown

Gary Davies

Julie Knight

Councillor Peter Crew

North Somerset Council

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Councillor Brian Bolt
Councillor Nicola Clark
Councillor Heather Shearer
Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts
Councillor Martin Wale
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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 12pm on Tuesday 19th March. Questions must be received no later than 3 clear working days before the meeting (5pm on Thursday 14th March 2024).

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 1st February 2024 (Pages 11 - 28)

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 Business Crime Report (Pages 29 - 36)

Assurance report setting out challenges and new strategic approach devised to improve Business Crime in Avon and Somerset.

8 Commissioner's Update Report (Pages 37 - 48)

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

9 Performance Report (Pages 49 - 62)

To consider and discuss the latest performance information.

10 Standing Complaints Report (Pages 63 - 66)

To provide the Panel with an overview of all complaints.

11 Work Programme (Pages 67 - 70)

To note the current work programme.

12 Panel Costs Report (Pages 71 - 76)

Members are invited to consider the end of year budget information.

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is 27th June 2024 at 10am in the Deane House, Taunton.