

Sussex Police and Crime Panel

Members are hereby requested to attend the annual meeting of the Police and Crime Panel, to be held at 10.30 a.m. on Friday 24 January 2014 at County Hall, Lewes.

Tony Kershaw

Clerk to the Police and Crime Panel

16 January 2014

Webcasting Notice

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Indicative timetable

Item 1	10:30 – 10:40	Declarations of Interests
Item 2		Minutes of previous meeting
Item 3		Urgent Matters
Item 4	10:40 – 11:10	Proposed Precept and Draft Budget 2014/15
Item 5	11:10 – 11:35	i) Police and Crime Plan Working Group ii) Police and Crime Plan 2014/15 Refresh
Item 6	11:35 – 11:45	Victim Services Working Group – Verbal Update
Item 7	11:45 – 11:50	Quarterly Report of Complaints
Item 8	11:50 – 12:00	Written Questions
Item 9	12:00 – 12:15	Chief Constable Update
Item 10	12:15 – 12:25	Questions for the Commissioner
Item 11	12:25 – 12:30	Visit to other PCP meetings
Item 12	12:30 – 12:35	Date of next meeting

A g e n d a

1. Declarations of Interest

Members and officers must declare any pecuniary or personal interest in any business on the agenda. They should also make declarations at any stage such an interest becomes apparent during the meeting. Consideration should be given to leaving the meeting if the nature of the interest warrants it. If in doubt contact Democratic Services, West Sussex County Council before the meeting.

2. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting on 11 October 2013 – [attached](#) on *buff* paper.

3. Urgent Matters

Items not on the agenda which the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

4. Police and Crime Commissioner's Proposed Precept and Draft Budget 2014/15

Report by the Police and Crime Commissioner – [attached](#).

The Police and Crime Commissioner will update the Panel on the proposed precept and draft budget for 2014/15. The Panel is asked to consider the proposed precept and make recommendations.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is currently proposing a precept increase of 3.6%, or the maximum permissible under the Central Government referendum principles, whichever is lower.

Under Schedule 5 of The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Panel is responsible for reviewing the Commissioner's proposed precept and making reports and recommendations. If the Panel do not accept the proposed precept the power of veto is provided under this schedule. The power of veto over the proposed precept which can only be exercised with two thirds majority, at least, of the current Panel membership, i.e. 14 members or more, voting in favour of a veto.

In the event of a veto the Commissioner must produce a revised precept by 15 February. A provisional meeting date of Friday 21 February has been arranged for the Panel to meet to consider a revised precept and make reports to the Commissioner. The Panel does not have the power of veto over the revised precept.

The draft budget is attached for information, to inform the discussion on the proposed precept.

5. Police and Crime Plan 2014 – 2017

i) Police and Crime Plan Working Group – Final Report

Report by the Clerk to the Police and Crime Panel – [attached](#).

The attached report sets out detail of the work of the Police and Crime Plan working group and recommendations arising from the two meetings of the group.

The Panel is asked to consider the report and the incorporation of the Group's recommendations.

ii) Police and Crime Plan 2014/15 Refresh

Report by the Police and Crime Commissioner – [attached](#).

The Police and Crime Commissioner will present an updated version of the Police and Crime Plan.

The Panel is asked to review and make reports or recommendations on the refresh of the Police and Crime Plan, informed by any recommendations of the Working Group agreed under item 5(i).

6. Victim Services Working Group – Verbal Update

The Chairman of the Victim Support Working Group will provide a verbal update on the work of the Group.

The Panel is asked to consider the information provided and raise any queries on the work of the Group.

7. Quarterly Report of Complaints

No complaints have been received since the last meeting of the Panel.

There are currently no complaints on hand awaiting final determination by the Panel or the Clerk to the Panel.

8. Written Questions

Report by the Clerk to the Police and Crime Panel – [attached](#).

Written questions may be submitted by members of the public up to two weeks in advance of a meeting for which the Panel Chairman and Commissioner will be invited to provide a response by noon of the day before the meeting.

There has been one written question received prior to this meeting of the Panel. The question to the Commissioner and the response provided are attached for the Panel to note.

9. Chief Constable Update

The Police and Crime Commissioner will provide a verbal update on the current situation regarding the retirement of the Chief Constable and arrangements to select a replacement.

The Panel is responsible for holding a public confirmation hearing to review and make reports on the proposed appointment of the Chief Constable including, if necessary, the use of the power of veto.

10. Commissioner's Question Time

The Panel is asked to raise any issues or queries concerning crime and policing in Sussex with the Commissioner.

11. Visits to Police and Crime Panel Meetings in Other Areas

The Chairman of the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel wrote to the Chairman recently to request that a member of his Panel be permitted to attend and observe a meeting of the Sussex Panel. The intention is to identify any elements of best practice that could be utilised in Hampshire.

The Chairman feels the arrangement has merit, and members of the Panel are asked to indicate if they would be prepared to attend a forthcoming

meeting of the Hampshire, Surrey or Kent PCPs, and report identified elements of best practice back to the Panel.

In December the Chairman held a meeting with his counterpart in the Surrey PCP and discussed the potential for closer working arrangements between the Panels and the desire to see closer integration between the Surrey and Sussex forces.

12. Date of Next Meeting and Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Panel will take place on Friday 27 June 2014, 10.30 a.m. at County Hall, Lewes.

To: all members of the Sussex Police and Crime Panel