

Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel

24 June 2021

Work Programme 2021/22

Recommendation

That the Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel considers the updated work programme for 2021/22.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Panel is responsible for scrutinising the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) exercise of their statutory functions. This includes:
- a) The power of veto, by a two-thirds majority of the total panel membership, over the level of the PCC's proposed precept;
 - b) The power to review the Police and Crime Plan and make recommendations to the PCC who must have regard to them;
 - c) The power to review the PCC's annual report and make recommendations at a public meeting, which the PCC must attend;
 - d) The power to require the PCC to attend the Panel to answer questions.
- 1.2 As a Scrutiny body the Panel reviews decisions made by the PCC, performance and issues of concern or interest.

2.0 Work Programme

- 2.1 The attached work programme (Appendix A) is a live document which is updated following each meeting of the Panel. The work programme takes into account 'routine' items, items which are required to be considered at particular points in the year (eg the precept must be considered and a view provided to the PCC by 8 February each year), and topics which the Panel have asked the PCC to report on.
- 2.2 Five ordinary meetings of the Panel are scheduled each year. In addition to the scheduled ordinary meetings, additional meetings may be called from time to time in accordance with the Panel's Rules of Procedure or to fulfil the Panel's duties with regard to the appointment of senior staff by the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 2.3 Proper work programming will enable the panel to manage its time and resources effectively. The Panel will need to strike a balance between fulfilling its statutory duties, conducting any in-year reviews, and allowing space in the work programme for any reactive and responsive scrutiny. This means that the shortlisting and programming of items should be done on a strict prioritised basis to ensure that any work is fully resourced. To ensure timely

work programming, the Panel should engage with the Commissioner and his office to ensure that there is no duplication of work, and to provide up to date background information about areas of potential enquiry.

- 2.4 The Panel is asked to consider the 2021/22 Work Programme and agree whether any amendments are required. The Panel should retain the flexibility to take into account any urgent issues which may arise and will be asked to review the work programme at each meeting of the full Panel.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Work Programme 2021/22

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