

## DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

**Subject:** Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report

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### **Executive Summary:**

The Police and Crime Panel (PCP) is responsible for scrutinising and supporting the actions and decisions of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and also has a role in supporting the PCC in the effective exercise of his function, acting as a critical friend.

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 states that the PCC must produce an Annual Report, attached as Appendix 1, on the exercise of his functions in each financial year, and the progress which has been made in meeting the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan, which has been attached as Appendix 2.

The PCC has provided the Panel with his first Annual Report (interim) November 2012–March 2013 with an overview of key decisions made since his election on 15 November 2012.

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### **Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:**

That the PCP uses its powers in accordance with the legislation to review, report and make recommendations regarding the PCC's Annual Report.

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### **Alternative options considered, and reasons for recommended action:**

The alternative option would be for the Panel not to review, report and make recommendations regarding the PCC's Annual Report, and therefore the Panel will not have complied with their statutory functions as stated in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

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Background Papers: **None**

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## **1. Background**

- 1.1** The Police and Crime Panel (PCP) is responsible for scrutinising and supporting the actions and decisions of the PCC and also has a role in supporting the PCC in the effective exercise of his function, acting as a critical friend.
- 1.2** The legislation states that PCC must produce an Annual Report on the exercise of his functions in each financial year and the progress which has been made in meeting the police and crime objectives in the police and crime plan.

## **2. Annual Reports**

- 2.1** Legislation states that the PCC must produce an Annual Report on-
  - a) the exercise of the PCC's functions in each financial year and the progress which has been made in the financial year, and
  - b) in meeting police and crime objectives in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.
- 2.2** As soon as practicable after producing an Annual Report the PCC must send the report to the PCP.
- 2.3** The PCC must attend before the PCP and in public in order to-
  - a) present the report to the PCP, and
  - b) answer the PCP's questions on the report
- 2.4** The PCC must-
  - a) give the panel a response to any report or recommendations on the Annual Report and
  - b) publish a response
- 2.5** It is for the PCP to determine the manner in which a response to a report or recommendation is to be published.
- 2.6** It is for the PCC to arrange for the publication of his Annual Report and to determine the manner in which it is to be published.