

DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Subject: Vice Chair's report re attendance at the CoPaCC Conference – "PCCs & Panels: Making the Relationship Critical, Friendly and Effective" held on 16 October 2013

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Executive Summary:

At the last Police and Crime Panel meeting held on 11 October 2013, the Panel endorsed the Chair's recommendation that the Vice-Chair (Councillor Rule) represent the Panel at the CoPaCC conference – "PCCs & Panels: Making the Relationship Critical, Friendly and Effective" held on 16 October 2013 and that Councillor Rule should provide feedback in relation to the conference at this meeting. Councillor Rule's feedback report is attached as Appendix 1.

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that:

- The PCP notes the report.
 - The PCP implements any actions agreed from the debate in relation to the report contents.
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Alternative options considered, and reasons for recommended action:

The alternatives would be:

To note the report but not implement any actions agreed from the debate in relation to the report contents. If the PCP took this course of action then there would be no outcomes from Councillor Rule's attendance at the conference.

Background Papers:

None

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the last Police and Crime Panel meeting held on 11 October 2013, the Panel endorsed the Chair's recommendation that the Vice-Chair (Councillor Rule) represent the Police and Crime Panel at the CoPaCC conference – "PCCs & Panels: Making the Relationship Critical, Friendly and Effective" held on 16 October 2013 and that Councillor Rule should provide feedback in relation to the conference at this meeting. Councillor Rule's feedback report is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The conference examined what could be learned from existing Police and Crime Panel arrangements for scrutinising Police and Crime Commissioners and discussed how these approaches might be strengthened. It included keynotes from expert speakers, plus delegate discussion and debate. The day's proceedings would be drawn together in a report, which would be submitted to the House of Commons' Home Affairs Select Committee, as evidence for its Autumn examinations of governance arrangements for Police and Crime Commissioners.

2.0 Funding

- 2.1 There was no charge for Police and Crime Panel Members to attend the conference, however costs for travel and overnight accommodation were incurred.
- 2.2 The Panel Arrangements and Rules of Procedure state that "if acting in the capacity of the Chair/Vice Chair of the Panel" expenses would be paid from the amount allocated by the Home Office.