

DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Subject: Findings and Recommendations in respect of the 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 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. In accordance with Section 28(4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the PCP is required to review this and make a report. The PCP reviewed the PCC's Annual Report at the meeting held on 17 October 2014.

Immediately following the PCP meeting, the Host Authority drafted a report and recommendations on behalf of the PCP (**Appendix 1**) incorporating the findings of the PCP meeting and this was circulated to PCP members for comment.

The draft report was emailed to the PCC on 31 October 2014, for his consideration. The PCC has responded in writing to the PCP's report and his response, dated 9 December 2014, is attached (**Appendix 2**).

The PCP is asked to formally review and agree its report to the PCC and consider the PCC's response. The PCC will be given an opportunity to verbally comment on, and respond to, the report at this meeting.

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that the PCP:

- Reviews and agrees the draft report to the PCC as a final version in respect of its findings and recommendations to the PCC (**Appendix 1**), and
- Reviews the PCC's response to the draft final report (**Appendix 2**) and consider any items for inclusion in the PCP work programme.

The above reflects the PCP role to effectively and robustly scrutinise the PCC's Annual Report in an open and transparent manner and ensure that issues of mutual concern or interest can be shared in a way that is both constructive and supportive.

Alternative options considered, and reasons for recommended action:

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

Background Papers: None.
