

Sussex Police and Crime Panel

Members are hereby requested to attend the meeting of the Sussex Police and Crime Panel, to be held at **10.30 am** on **Friday, 27 September 2024** at **County Hall, Lewes**.

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Clerk to the Police and Crime Panel

19 September 2024

Items 1 to 11 in Part I of the agenda will be available to watch via the internet at the address below.

Item 12 in Part II of the agenda contain exempt information, as indicated, and therefore will not be broadcast.

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Agenda

Part I

10.30 am 1. **Declarations of Interest** (Pages 5 - 6)

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 of the Previous Meeting** (Pages 7 - 16)

The Panel is asked to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 June 2024 (cream paper).

10.35 am 3. **Public and Panel Questions to the Commissioner** (Pages 17 - 18)

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

Written questions may be submitted by members of the public up to two weeks in advance of a meeting. The Commissioner or

the Chairman (as appropriate) will be invited to provide a response by noon of the day before the meeting. Questions, together with as many responses as possible, will be published on the Panel's website (www.sussexpcp.gov.uk).

Four questions have been received from two correspondents. The Panel is invited to note the responses and pose any supplementary questions.

- 10.55 am 4. **The Role of the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner in Holding Sussex Police to Account for Improving the Response Provided to Victims of Rape and Serious Sexual Offences** (Pages 19 - 32)

The report sets out the Commissioner's work in seeking to improve conviction rates for rape and serious sexual offences (RASSO).

The Panel is invited to consider the report and make recommendations.

- 11.40 am 5. **Public Priorities in the Sussex Police and Crime Plan 2024/28** (Pages 33 - 36)

The report sets out the public priorities and supporting objectives proposed to underpin the new Sussex Police and Crime Plan 2024/28.

The Panel is invited to consider the report and make recommendations.

Break for 10 minutes

- 12.35 pm 6. **Confirmation Hearing for the Proposed Chief Constable of Sussex Police** (Pages 37 - 58)

On 10 September, the Panel was formally notified of the proposal of Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner to appoint a Chief Constable of Sussex Police.

The attached report by the Clerk to the Panel provides details of the Panel's role in the confirmation hearing for the proposed appointment of the Chief Constable of Sussex Police.

The appendices and annexes to the report comprise information from the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the proposed appointment.

The Panel is to ask the candidate questions relating to their professional competence and personal independence.

- 1.35 pm 7. **Quarterly Report of Complaints**

No complaints have been received as of 13 September 2024.

1.36 pm 8. **Working Group Appointments**

The Panel is asked to appoint the membership for the Budget and Precept Working Group. The Group acts as a critical friend in the development of the budget and proposed precept for 2025/26.

The Working Group will meet twice, informally and virtually, in mid-November 2024 and on either 8 or 9 January 2025 – dates to be confirmed, depending on member and officer availability.

The first meeting will provide an introduction to finances and consultation, essential background information in preparation for discussion of potential precept options at the second meeting.

The Group will appoint its Chair at the outset of the first meeting.

1.46 pm 9. **Date of Next Meeting and Future Meeting Dates**

The next meeting of the Panel will take place on 31 January 2025 at 10.30 a.m. at County Hall, Lewes.

Future meeting dates are set out below:

- 17 February 2025 (provisional)
- 14 March 2025.

10. **Part II Matters**

Members are asked to indicate at this stage if they wish the meeting to consider bringing into Part I any items on the Part II agenda.

The Panel is asked to consider in respect of the following items whether the public, including the press, should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds of exemption under Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as indicated below, and because, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption of that information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Exempt: Paragraph 1, Information relating to any individual

11. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Panel is asked to consider in respect of the following item(s) whether the public, including the press, should be

excluded from the meeting on the grounds of exemption under Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as indicated below, and because, in all the circumstances of the Page 3 case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption of that information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Exempt: Paragraph 1, Information relating to any individual

Break for 30 minutes

Part II

2.15 pm 12. **Private Determination of Recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner**

The Panel to agree its recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the proposed appointment.

Exempt: Paragraph 1, Information relating to any individual

To all members of the Sussex Police and Crime Panel