



# South Yorkshire

## POLICE & CRIME PANEL

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>6 JUNE 2022</b>
<b>Report of</b>	<b>CLERK TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>LEARNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT UPDATE</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is provided to update Members on current events – national, regional and local – together with future plans in respect of learning and development for the Panel.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Members of the Police and Crime Panel are recommended to:-

- a) Note the update.
- b) Provide suggestions for future learning and development.

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## BACKGROUND

1. This report provides an update on learning and development related issues for the Police and Crime Panel.

## LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT TO DATE

2. Following the Government's removal of all COVID restrictions, future Panel meetings will take place physically.
3. Whilst it is suggested that non-public meetings, briefings and learning and development will continue virtually, it is recognised that some meetings and events work better when held physically, and each will be given individual consideration in consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair and the OPCC.
3. As always, the Panel would like to give thanks to the OPCC for their continued support for the Budget Working Group, performance lead member meetings and general PCP support.

## OPCC Public Accountability Board (PAB) meetings

4. As part of the Induction Members were provided with information on the Public Accountability Board (PAB), and the Panel should have started to receive the agenda packs for meetings direct to their inbox. Future meeting dates were included in the Induction pack but are provided at Item 17 of this agenda pack.

As a reminder, if any Member wishes to observe the PAB the dial-in details can be obtained from Andrew Shirt. It is recommended you attend if at all possible, or go through the agenda pack, as this will provide you with additional operational information that will be of help to you in your role on the Panel.

Attendance at PAB 7 <sup>th</sup> February	- Cllr Rukhsana Haleem, Cllr Sue Knowles
Attendance at PAB 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	- No attendance
Attendance at PAB 9 <sup>th</sup> March	- Cllr Rukhsana Haleem, Cllr Tim Baum-Dixon
Attendance at PAB 11 <sup>th</sup> April	- No attendance
Attendance at PAB 12 <sup>th</sup> May	- Cllr Rukhsana Haleem

## Countywide Community Safety Forum

7. This is a Forum involving Lead officers from the four District Community Safety Partnerships and is Chaired by the PCC. The PCP were given observer status (in the same way as PAB). The last meeting was held on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022** and Councillors Knowles, Milsom and Ransome attended. Dates of future meetings have been circulated to Members. Future dates are given below and, as with PAB, Members are asked to notify Andrew Shirt of their attendance – if possible, a couple of days before the meeting – to allow the 'dial-in' details to be provided by the OPCC.

28<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 10.00 am  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 10.00 am  
21<sup>st</sup> February 2023, 10.00 am

## Publication of new Police (Fire) and Crime Panels Guidance

8. As part of the recommendations arising from [Part One of the PCC Review](#), the Home Office committed to delivering a new training and guidance package for Police (Fire) and Crime Panels, to make local scrutiny more consistent and effective. On 19 May 2022, the Home Office published its new [Police \(Fire\) and Crime Panels guidance](#), alongside three supplementary quick-reference guides, and a collection of bitesize videos providing a deep dive into some key scrutiny areas.

The resources are aimed at three audiences within the panel structure – chairs, members and supporting officers – and designed to provide practical information about the statutory roles and responsibilities of panels, as well as what effective scrutiny looks like.

To complement the guidance, two interactive webinars took place earlier this year to deliver foundational learning on scrutiny best practice. A recording of the webinars is available on the [Home Office YouTube channel](#).

A copy of the new guidance was circulated via email to Panel Members on 24 May 2022, for their information.

## EVENTS & FUTURE PROPOSALS

9. The following events are proposed (some of which have been previously reported to Members).

### **Future events (to be confirmed):**

**Late May / June 2022** - Induction for new Members (including with the OPCC's office), and discussions around any additional learning and development required.

**LGA Annual Police, Fire and Crime Panels event** – this is usually held in either June or July, but is yet to be confirmed.

**Police and Crime Panel Visit to the Lifewise Centre, Hellaby, Rotherham** – arrangements to be made after today's meeting.

**Police and Crime Panel Visit to the Rotherham CSE Team** – arrangements to be made via the OPCC, following induction sessions for new Members.

**July 2022 (TBC) - Annual Session with Frontline Consulting** to review the Panel's activities over the year and to discuss any issues and plan for the year ahead. It will also provide an additional opportunity to discuss the Panel's role and remit, work programme and the challenges facing the PCP in the coming year.

As with the 2021 session, the OPCC will join Members at the event.

**Frontline Consulting** – Annual Police, Fire and Crime Panels Conference (physical event) – September or October 2022 – date and venue to be confirmed.

**September / October 2022 (TBC)** – Annual session with District Community Safety Partnership Leads, Chair, Vice-Chair, one representative from other Districts and an Independent member.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Learning and Development has a cost attached to it – including Members’ travel and subsistence - but the Home Office Grant is provided for this purpose. For transparency, the utilisation of the Grant is published annually on the PCP website. Given the situation in respect of virtual meetings, and the restrictions on travel and physical meetings, there has been a reduction in the number of Member claims, and therefore an underspend on the Grant this year.
11. The mid-year outturn forecast was submitted to the Home Office on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in line with the Grant Agreement.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no direct health and safety implications arising from this report.

## EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

14. Learning and development is open to all, and necessary adjustments can be made to accommodate any requests associated with equality and diversity.

<b>List of background documents</b>		
<a href="#">Police, Fire and Crime Panels Guidance</a>		
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