

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Panel
Terms of Reference

Introduction

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Panel will publicly scrutinise the actions and decisions of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in the context of relevant sections of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, with a view to supporting and challenging the PCC in the effective exercise of his or her functions, acting as a critical friend.

References in this document to the 'Panel' are references to the Police and Crime Panel. **It should be noted that Home Office guidance and regulations are still to be published in relation to Police and Crime Commissioners and Police and Crime Panels.**

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(to be agreed by all relevant local authorities)

The Police and Crime Panel will be a joint Committee of Blaby District Council, Charnwood Borough Council, Harborough District Council, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council, Melton Borough Council, North West Leicestershire District Council, Rutland County Council and Oadby and Wigston Borough Council.

To enable it to effectively scrutinise and support the Police and Crime Commissioner in the exercise of his or her functions, the Panel will:-

1. Review and make a report or recommendation on the draft police and crime plan, or draft variation, given to the Panel by the Police and Crime Commissioner.
2. Hold a public meeting to consider the annual report from the Police and Crime Commissioner on the exercise of the commissioner's functions, at which the PCC will be present to answer questions, and make a report or recommendation (as necessary).
3. Hold public confirmation hearings and review, make reports, or recommendations (as necessary) in respect of proposed senior appointments made by the Police and Crime Commissioner.
4. Review and make reports on the proposed appointment, suspension or removal of the Chief Constable.
5. Review and make a report and recommendation (as necessary) on the proposed police precept.

6. Review and scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the Police and Crime Commissioner in connection with the discharge of the commissioner's functions.
7. Fulfil functions in relation to complaints about conduct matters made against the Police and Crime Commissioner or Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (if appointed), in accordance with the responsibilities accorded to the Panel by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
8. Appoint an Acting Police and Crime Commissioner if necessary.
9. Publish all reports and recommendations the Panel makes and send copies to the constituent local authorities.
10. Determine and publish rules of procedure, including those for the appointment and removal of a chairman, method of making decisions and the formation of sub-committees, panels and working parties.
11. Co-opt additional members to the Panel with regard to the balanced appointment objective and to ensuring the required skills, knowledge and experience are represented.