

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013-2014**

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE (SITTING AS A CRIME &  
DISORDER COMMITTEE)**

**19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**Agenda Item: 4**

**POLICE & CRIME PANEL WORK  
PROGRAMME**

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**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This report is intended to provide Members with the work programme of the South Wales Police & Crime Panel.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members note the content of the work programme.

**3. WORK PROGRAMME**

- 3.1 At the last meeting of the Crime & Disorder Committee, Members also requested to have sight of the work programme of the South Wales Police and Crime Panel (PCP) and this was subsequently circulated to Members. It has been included on this agenda should Members wish to make any comment.
- 3.2 The appended work programme was agreed by the PCP at the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013. However, it is expected that a work programme for 2014/15 will be prepared in the near future and will be provided to Members once available.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**as amended by**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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Item - Police & Crime Panel Work Programme

Freestanding Matter

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**REPORT TO**  
**THE SOUTH WALES POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

**21<sup>st</sup> October 2013**

**Work Programme**

**Purpose of the Report**

The Panel is asked to consider its Work programme for the remainder of 2013/14

**1.0 Background / Information**

- 1.1 The current work programme for 2013/14 is attached.
- 1.2 The Panel is responsible for setting its own work programme taking into account the priorities defined by the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales. In setting the work programme the Panel will also take into account the wishes of its members.
- 1.3 The work programme must include the functions described in the terms of reference for the Panel (Appendix I). The work programme will enable the Panel to plan and focus on how it will effectively provide challenge to the Commissioner and deliver its responsibilities within the context of the terms of reference.
- 1.4 As mentioned at the last meeting in June the Commissioner has offered to brief the Panel on the 2014/15 budget and the potential impact on the precept. As the Panel is aware last year the timescale for setting the precept was incredibly tight because of the short period after the elections in November 2012. This is something the Commissioner, and no doubt the Panel, wish to avoid this time hence the suggestion to provide an early opportunity to explain the background and preparations for next year's budget. As such the Panel is to consider meeting with the Commissioner late November / early December 2013.

**2.0 Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to consider the work programme (Appendix II) and agree whether there are any items to be added or deleted, postponed or brought forward.

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**Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council**

## APPENDIX I

### South Wales Police and Crime Panel

#### Terms of Reference

1. To review and make a report or recommendation on the draft South Wales Police and Crime Plan, or draft variation to the South Wales Police and Crime Plan, provided to the Panel by the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner.
2. To review, put questions to the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner at a public meeting of the Panel, and make a report or recommendation (as necessary) on the annual report.
3. To hold a confirmation hearing and review, make a report and recommendation (as necessary) in respect of proposed senior appointments made by the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner.
4. To review and make a report on the proposed appointment of the Chief Constable.
5. To review and make a report and recommendation (as necessary) on the proposed precept.
6. To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the South Wales Police Crime Commissioner in connection with the discharge of the Commissioners functions (as defined by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act and subsequent amendments)
7. To make reports or recommendations to the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner with respect to the discharge of the Commissioners functions (as defined by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act and subsequent amendments)
8. To support the effective exercise of the functions of the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner.
9. To fulfil functions in relation to complaints about conduct matters, in accordance with the responsibilities accorded to the Panel under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act.
10. To appoint an Acting South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner if necessary.
11. To suspend the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner if it appears to the Panel that the Commissioner has been charged in the United Kingdom or Isle of Man with an offence which carries a maximum term of imprisonment exceeding two years.
12. To carry out any other Police and Crime Panel functions and exercise any supporting powers contained in The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 in addition to those set out above.

South Wales Police and Crime Panel: Work Programme 2013/14

Period Dates	Apr-Jun 2013 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2013	Jul-Oct 2013 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2013	Nov – Dec 2013 Nov / Dec (tbc)	Jan - March 2014 To be confirmed
Statutory functions				Review proposed budget, precept and any revisions to Police and Crime Plan  Review of revised budget and precept
Performance Review		Progress in delivering Police and Crime (Reduction) Plan (Update from Commissioner)	Progress in delivering Police and Crime (Reduction) Plan – Priority 10 (Update from Commissioner)	
Ad hoc	Confirmatory hearings for key designated appointments (statutory) – Chief Finance Officer	Investigating complaints about the PCC (statutory)  Investigating specific policy or performance concerns.	Investigating complaints about the PCC (statutory)  Investigating specific policy or performance concerns.	Investigating complaints about the PCC (statutory)  Investigating specific policy or performance concerns.
Other	Annual Meeting to elect Chair and Vice Chair	Complaints procedure to be agreed and established following Training and Development event with WLGA	End Nov / Beginning December - The Commissioner has offered to brief the Panel on the 2014/15 budget and the potential impact on the precept. This will provide an early opportunity to explain the background and preparations for next year's budget.	Confirm work programme for 2014/15
			Consideration of a visit to Public Service Centre in South Wales Police Headquarters Bridgend (October 2013 to March 2014)	