

# Agenda item

## Police and Crime Panel

Meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### MONITORING OF COMPLAINTS

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### Executive Summary

This report sets out the current position with regard to communications relating to potential complaints received up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 in relation to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

### Recommendation

That the update in relation to communications and complaints be noted.

### Background and Advice

Since the commencement of the Panel in 2012 there have been 43 recorded communications which at the outset were described as potential complaints against the commissioner. Many of these communications as reported previously however did/do not relate directly to the conduct of the PCC and therefore do not, under the terms of the governing regulations come under the jurisdiction of the Police & Crime Panel.

Many communications received focus on the alleged conduct of police officers or the chief constable, and these are matters for which there are other complaints processes and appropriate authorities to deal with such matters.

There have been two (40 & 41) further communications of this nature recently.

A complaint (42) was received relating to a lack of response to an enquiry to the office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC), this was addressed directly by the OPCC.

The complaint (39) referenced on the last report was considered following receipt of further information and following a full initial assessment of the circumstances it was concluded there was no basis for the assertions and allegations made which were also mostly over 12 months old, so under the Procedure a decision of no further action was appropriate.

The final complaint (43) in this report is ongoing and the matter is currently the subject of initial assessment, the outcome of which will be reported to the next meeting.

## **Consultations**

N/A

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Legal Implications**

The procedures adopted by the Panel comply with the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 which are issued under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 for the handling of complaints and matters concerning the conduct of the holders of the office of Police and Crime Commissioner.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. It is proposed the handling of such complaints will be contained within existing resources.

### **Risk management**

The requirement to monitor and record complaints against the PCC and DPCC is in accordance with the provisions of The Elected Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

### **List of Background Papers**

<u>Paper</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact/Directorate/Tel</u>
Agenda and Minutes from	November 2012	David Fairclough HR, Legal & Corporate Services 01254 585642
Agenda and Minutes from	July 2014	David Fairclough HR, Legal & Corporate Services 01254 585642
Agenda and Minutes from	March 2016	David Fairclough HR, Legal & Corporate Services 01254 585642