

STAFFORDSHIRE JOINT POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Established under the provisions of Section 28 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

Constituted in accordance with Section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972

Host Authority

Staffordshire County Council

Membership

10 council members, together with 2 lay co-opted members. The Panel may appoint up to an additional 8 co-opted members. These may or may not be council members. The Panel will only exercise its powers to appoint additional co-opted members with the agreement of the 10 constituent local authorities, and the appointment of each additional co-optee must be approved by all 10 constituent local authorities to be effective.

Council members:

Councillors to be appointed as follows:

Authority	Core members
Staffordshire County Council	1
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	1
Cannock Chase District Council	1
East Staffs District Council	1
Lichfield District Council	1
Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	1
Stafford Borough Council	1
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	1
South Staffs District Council	1
Tamworth Borough Council	1
TOTAL	10

Appointments shall be made on an annual basis

The appointment of **core council members** shall be the responsibility of the individual Authority on the basis of political control of that Authority.

In the event of a council member resigning or otherwise ceasing to be eligible to serve on the Panel, the appointment of a replacement shall be the responsibility of the Authority concerned and will be taken from the same political group (or controlling group) as the member being replaced.

Lay Co-opted members

Appointments shall be made by the Panel for a 4 year term of office and shall be made on the basis of skills, knowledge and experience.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 1) To review and make a report or recommendation to the Police and Crime Commissioner on the draft police and crime plan, or draft variation, given to the panel by the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 2) To make comments and question the Police and Crime Commissioner on the contents of the Commissioners Annual report at a public meeting to be held as soon as possible after the publication of that report.
- 3) To hold a confirmation hearing and review, make a report, and recommendation (as necessary) in respect of proposed senior appointments (ie Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner) made by the Police and Crime Commissioner;
- 4) To review, and make a report to the Police and Crime Commissioner on the proposed appointment of the Chief Constable; the Panel to have the power, on a two thirds majority of the persons who are members of the Panel at the time when the decision is made, to veto the appointment where considered appropriate.
- 5) To review and make a report and recommendation to the Police and Crime Commissioner (as necessary) on the proposed precept; the Panel to have the power, on a two thirds majority of the persons who are members of the Panel at the time when the decision is made¹, to veto the precept where considered appropriate.
- 6) To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the Police and Crime Commissioner in connection with the discharge of the commissioner's functions, including holding the Chief Constable to account, setting the police precept and budget, appointing (and removing) the Chief Constable and publishing a Police and Crime Plan setting out the strategic policing objectives.

¹ Paragraph 4, Schedule 5 of the Act

- 7) To make reports or recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner with respect to the discharge of the commissioner's functions.
- 8) To support the effective exercise of the functions of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 9) To ensure that, when formulating the Police and Crime Plan, the Police and Crime Commissioner gives due regard to the priorities of local Community Safety Partnerships and the residents they serve.
- 10) To record and investigate complaints about the Police and Crime Commissioner or other office holders that relate to non-criminal behaviour (Elected Local Policing Bodies(Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012)
- 11) To appoint an Acting Police and Crime Commissioner if necessary.
- 12) If considered appropriate, to suspend the 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.