

Norfolk Police and Crime Panel



Date: **1 December 2020**

Time: **10.00am**

Venue: **Virtual Meeting**

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

10. Police (Fire) and Crime Panel Conference 2020

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To consider matters arising from the annual national conference, which is due to take place virtually from Monday 23 to Wednesday 25 November 2020.

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Police (Fire) and Crime Panel Conference 2020

Report from Jo Martin, Democratic Support and Scrutiny Manager

To consider matters arising from the national conference.

1. Background

- 1.1 Since the establishment of Police and Crime Panels in 2011/12, an annual national conference has taken place to support Panel members and officers with their learning and development. A range of speakers from the sector have been involved in leading plenary discussions and practitioner workshops/briefings.

2. Ninth National Conference for Police (Fire) and Crime Panels

- 2.1 The conference took place virtually between Monday 23 and Wednesday 25 November 2020 and was attended by Vice-Chair Air Commodore Kevin Pellatt, Mr Peter Hill and Jo Martin (Democratic Support and Scrutiny Manager).
- 2.2 This year, Frontline Consulting arranged a flexible three-day online conference with a range of contributors and events, to adapt the annual event to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. All sessions were recorded and streamed online, enabling attendees to drop in and out as they wished. Each day focused on a different theme, beginning with a series of speakers and followed by breakout sessions where matters raised could be further discussed.
- 2.3 The theme for day one was 'policy', with contributions from Paddy Tipping, Chair of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, and Yvette Cooper MP, Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee. The afternoon sessions consisted of various thematic policy seminars of one hour each. Among them, Rick Muir from the Police Foundation discussed public policy and policing. Courtenay Forbes, from Unseen, discussed human trafficking and modern slavery and Lorraine Atkinson, from the Howard League, discussed the topic of public policy, women and criminal justice.
- 2.4 The Police Foundation referred participants to the first report of its Strategic Review of Policing, which can be viewed [here](#). While the first phase of this review has explored the challenges facing policing, the second phase will explore the solutions to those challenges. Both the National Association for Police and Fire and Crime Panels (NAPFCP) and individual Panels were encouraged to respond to the Police Foundation's second call for evidence, particularly on questions around governance. This second call for evidence will be made shortly.

- 2.5 Day two covered partnerships and began with a plenary session led by Paul Grady, Police and Engagement Lead, Grant Thornton UK LLP, which looked at collaboration and the initiatives, opportunities and challenges for policing, fire and criminal justice in the 2020s. Keynote speakers included Chief Constable Olivia Pinckney QPM MA from Hampshire Police Service and Chief Fire Officer, Becci Bryant of Staffordshire Fire Service. The practitioner led workshops in the afternoon highlighted issues such as the police and mental health triage, as well as working with public health around early intervention. Dr Christopher Kemp, formerly a member of the Norfolk Police and Crime Panel, also provided a briefing on PCC elections 2021.
- 2.6 Vicki Noble, Leicester NHS Trust, and Samuel Watson, Leicestershire Police, led a session exploring the interdependencies between policing and mental health services. It was clear that a multi-agency approach was essential to ensuring that vulnerable individuals are supported in the best way and by the most appropriate professionals. They highlighted the significant role that Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) can have in bringing agencies together to develop such an approach.
- 2.7 Dave Burn, the Police (Fire) and Crime national lead for Frontline Consulting, led the final day, which included a series of optional workshops where members and support officers could network and share best practice.

3. National Association for Police and Fire and Crime Panels (NAPFCP)

- 3.1 The NAPFCP's AGM took place before the conference reconvened on the second day.
- 3.2 Currently 36 of the 41 Panels are members and the NAPFCP continues to encourage those remaining Panels to join.
- 3.3 Appointments to the NAPFCP's Executive Committee were approved as follows:
- Chairman – John Gili-Ross (Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel)
 - Vice Chairman – Councillor Stuart Sansome (South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel)
 - Vice Chairman – Evan Morris MBE (Cheshire Police and Crime Panel)
 - Member of Executive Committee – Councillor Barry Young (Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel)
 - Member of Executive Committee – Councillor Mohammed Iqbal (West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel)
 - Member of Executive Committee – Councillor Gill Mercer (Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel)
 - Member of Executive Committee – Suma Harding (Nottinghamshire

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- Member of Executive Committee – Councillor Joyce Welsh (Northumbria Police and Crime Panel)
- Member of Executive Committee – Councillor David Reilly (Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel).
- One further Executive Committee Member is to be co-opted.

3.4 The Chair presented his annual report, which set out key activity undertaken by the NAPFCP during the last 12 months, including: responding to the Home Office Review of the PCC role (part 1), undertaking initial surveys for its agreed workstreams and providing key lines of enquiry to support Panels in addressing topical matters, such as the impact of Covid-19.

3.5 Given the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Executive Committee will continue to progress the existing workstreams and report in due course. These include:

- Complaints – an initial report, following a survey of Panels, will be made available by the end of the year.
- Technology Changes and the impact on PCC budgets.
- Promotion of best practice for Panel activities and scrutiny of PCCs.
- Promoting the role of Panels – a toolkit will be made available for Panels to use locally prior to the May elections.
- Exploring opportunities to further develop Panel / PCC relationships
- Reviewing the processes relating to PCC senior appointments, including Chief Constable appointments.

4. Action

4.1 The Panel is asked to consider matters arising from the national conference.



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