

**Wiltshire Council**

**Council**

**10 July 2012**

**Police and Crime Panel – Panel Arrangements**

**Background**

1. Council at its meeting on 15 May 2012 was informed of the requirement placed on local authorities in each police force area by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, to establish and maintain a Police and Crime Panel for its police force area.
2. Council appointed its councillors to the Panel and the Panel has now met for the first time.

**Panel Arrangements**

3. Local authorities are also required in accordance with Schedule 6 to the Act to make panel arrangements for the Panel. These arrangements facilitate the requirement to establish and maintain the Panel under the Act.
4. These arrangements must make provision for the co-option of, and holding of office by, the co-opted members of the Panel, must provide for the term of office of both appointed and co-opted members and for the resignation and removal of members.
5. Each local authority within the police force area and each member of the Panel must comply with the Panel arrangements and for this reason both the local authorities and the Panel must approve the Panel arrangements.
6. Swindon Borough Council agreed the arrangements at their meeting on 20 June as did the Panel at its meeting on 21 June 2012.
7. The Home Secretary has set a deadline of 16 July 2012 for Councils to have agreed the Panel arrangements and to notify her that this has been done.
8. The Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel arrangements are circulated herewith at Appendix 1 to this report and the Council is asked to agree them.

## **Terms Of Reference And Rules Of Procedure**

9. Police and Crime Panels must also make rules of procedure and whilst there is no requirement for Councils to agree these, they are circulated for information at Appendix 2 to this report.
10. These have also been agreed by Swindon Borough Council and the Panel.

## **Detailed Regulations**

11. Both the Panel arrangements and rules of procedure have been based on guidelines issued by the Local Government Association. However detailed regulations are expected to be released soon by the Home Office and these may impact on the content of both documents. Members are asked to note therefore that some amendments may be necessary in due course.

## **Proposals**

### **That Council**

- 1. agrees and endorses the Panel arrangements as circulated at Appendix 1;**
- 2. notes the terms of reference and rules of procedure for the Panel circulated at Appendix 2 and**
- 3. delegates to the Monitoring Officer authorisation to make any appropriate consequential changes to the Council's constitution.**

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