Report to the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel

Title: Report of the Thames Valley

Police & Crime Panel

Complaints Sub-Committee

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Background

- 1. As set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility (PRSR) Act 2011, and further explained in the Policing Protocol Order 2011, Police and Crime Panels (PCPs) perform a scrutiny function for PCCs, providing challenge and support, and acting as a critical friend. PCPs are currently responsible for handling non-serious complaints made about a PCC and a Deputy PCC and resolving these through the process for "informal resolution", as set out in the PRSR Act 2011 and the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012.
- 2. A Sub-Committee of the Panel discharges this duty on its behalf. The Chair of the Sub-Committee is Councillor Emily Culverhouse.
- 3. It was agreed that the Sub-Committee should submit its report to the Panel on a quarterly basis, when complaints had been considered.
- 4. It should be noted that the proceedings of Complaints Sub-Committees are confidential and no details can be discussed in the public domain of a Panel meeting.

Complaint Received

- 5. Three complaints against the conduct of the Police and Crime Commissioner and officers of the PCC was considered at a meeting of the Complaints Sub-Committee on 14 October 2022. The proceedings of the Complaints Sub-Committee are confidential and cannot be discussed in the Panel meeting.
- 6. All three complaints were carefully considered and based on the submissions of the complainants and the PCC, the Sub-Committee resolved that all three complaints made against the PCC and his office, did not have any merit and the Sub-Committee agreed to dis-apply the requirements of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 (Part 4) for all three complaints. All three complaints should not be subject to resolution under Part 4 of the Regulations.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel note the report.