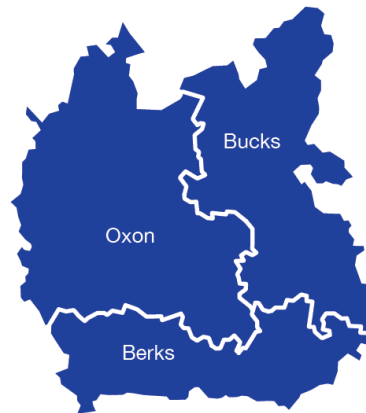


Report to the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel

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 Andrew McHugh.
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 meetings where complaints are heard are confidential.

Complaint Received

5. A complaint made against the Police and Crime Commissioner was considered at a meeting of the Complaints Sub-Committee on 10 September 2021.
6. After consideration of submissions from the complainant and from the PCC, the Sub-Committee agreed that the complaint did not have any merit. Therefore, the Sub-Committee dis-applied the requirements of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 (Part 4) and agreed that the complaint should not be subject to resolution under Part 4 of the Regulations and that no action should be taken in relation to it at all, as the complaint is out of time, ‘vexatious’ and an abuse of procedures, and is repetitious in accordance with Regulation 15(2) of the 2012 Regulations.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel note the report which summarised the confidential complaint heard by the Complaints Sub-Committee.