

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 Chairman of the Sub-Committee is currently Councillor Bill Bendyshe-Brown.
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.

Complaints Received

5. Two complaints made against the Police and Crime Commissioner were considered at a Special meeting of the PCP held on 4 September 2020.
6. One of the complaints, after consideration of submissions from the complainant and from the PCC, the Panel agreed to partially uphold the complaint against the PCC. The PCC was also to be informed that if there was another occurrence of him becoming involved in issues outside his remit as PCC for Thames Valley, he would be invited before the PCP to explain his actions.
7. In relation to the second complaint, the Sub-Committee found that there was no firm evidence to substantiate the allegations made by the complainant. The Sub-Committee after considering the written submissions provided by the complainant and the PCC

decided that this complaint made against the Police and Crime Commissioner, did not have any merit.

8. A Complaints Sub-Committee took place on 23 September 2020. There were two complaints made against the Police and Crime Commissioner and two complaints made against the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner. For all four complaints, consideration was given to written representations from both parties. It was agreed that all four complaints did not have any merit.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel note the report of the Complaints Sub-Committee