

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL

Date: 15th March 2022

Subject: Joint Police and Crime Panel and Steering Group Work Plan

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Purpose of Report

To inform members of the Greater Manchester Police, Fire and Crime Panel of the forward plan of the Greater Manchester Police, Fire and Crime Meetings

Recommendations:

The Greater Manchester Police, Fire and Crime Panel is requested to:

1. To note the contents and provide comments on the work plan and scheduling

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Equalities Implications

N/A

Climate Change Impact Assessment and Mitigation Measures

N/A

Risk Management

The work plan sets out the programme of reports for the Panel and Steering Groups throughout 2022/23 in order to inform the position regarding the implementation of the GM Police and Crime Plan and Community Safety activity at a district level where appropriate.

Legal Considerations

The Panel Arrangements require the Panel to set its own programme, having regard to:

- (a) the requirement to properly undertake the functions and responsibilities of the GMPCP as set out in the Police Reform Act and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ('the Police Reform Act')
- (b) the Greater Manchester Police and Crime priorities defined by the Greater Manchester Mayor and Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.
- (c) the views of members and advisers as to the appropriate work to be undertaken.

Financial Consequences – Revenue

There are no financial implications associated with this report, however, reports contained within the workplan may individually have a financial implication.

Financial Consequences – Capital

There are no financial implications associated with this report, however, reports contained within the workplan may individually have a financial implication.

Number of attachments to the report:

The joint work plan dated February 2022

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

N/A

Background Papers

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

FeTracking/ Process

Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution

No

Exemption from call in

Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?

The Police, Fire and Crime Panel undertakes the Scrutiny role relating to this work.

GM Transport Committee

N/A

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Police, Fire and Crime Panel undertakes the Scrutiny role relating to this work.

1. Introduction

1.1. Following extensive consultation with members of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel, this report sets out the Forward Plan to inform the business of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel and The Police, Fire and Crime Steering Group. The forward plan supports the Panel to meet its statutory functions.

2. FORWARD PLAN: RULES OF PROCEDURE

2.1. The Panel Arrangements require the Panel to set its own programme, having regard to:

- (a) the requirement to properly undertake the functions and responsibilities of the Panel as set out in the Police Reform Act and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ('the Police Reform Act').
- (b) the Greater Manchester Police and Crime priorities defined by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and set out in the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Plan 2022 – 2025.
- (c) the views of members and advisers as to the appropriate work to be undertaken.

2.2. The Police Reform Act (as modified by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions to the Mayor) Order 2017) is quite specific about the functions and responsibilities of the Police and Crime Panel and are set out below:

2.2.1. scrutiny of the Standing Together Police and Crime Plan

2.2.2. scrutiny of the Annual Report

2.2.3. review of the proposed senior appointments

2.2.4. scrutiny, including the right to veto, of the Greater Manchester police precept proposals

2.2.5. scrutiny of the Fire Budget

2.2.6. review, including the right to veto, the proposed appointment of the Chief Constable or Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

2.2.7. review or scrutiny of decisions made, or other actions taken by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor or any other person who exercises any function of the Mayor pursuant to arrangements made under section 18 of the Police Reform Act insofar as the Panel is not otherwise required to do so by the Police Reform Act.

- 2.3. The timings for consideration of the precept and any confirmation hearings are set out in regulations, and in the Panel's Rules of Procedure. These are reflected as necessary in the Forward Plan.
- 2.4. The Panel is also responsible for ensuring the initial handing and informal resolution of complaints against the Mayor and Deputy Mayor where it relates to Police and Crime matters. Initial handling and informal resolution of complaints has been delegated by the Panel to the lead Chief Executive. The regulations to follow in relation to complaints are set out in the Panels complaint procedures. The Forward Plan allows for an annual complaints monitoring report to the Panel.
- 2.5. Confirmation hearings for any senior appointments will be factored into the Forward Plan as required. It may be that ad hoc meetings are required to consider such appointments. The Rules of Procedure delegate the calling of an ad- hoc meeting to the Chair.
- 2.6. The Panel is also able to review or scrutinise the decisions or actions of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in connection with the discharge of their functions. This will be undertaken through the reports set out in the Forward Plan and the Annual Report.
- 2.7. The Forward Plan allocates reports to both the Panel and Steering Group, however, reports can be added as required.