

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE FIRE AND CRIME PANEL

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Subject: Greater Manchester Police Fire and Crime Panel – Panel Arrangements

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Panel of amendments to the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Panel Arrangements approved by AGMA Executive, as a result of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Fire and Rescue Functions) (Amendment) Order 2020, which came into force on 26 June 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Panel is requested to note the amended Panel Arrangements, attached at Appendix 1.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

- The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011
- The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions to the Mayor) Order 2017
- The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Fire and Rescue Functions) Order 2017
- The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Fire and Rescue Functions) (Amendment) Order 2020

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Fire and Rescue Functions) (Amendment) Order 2020 (the Amendment Order) came into force on 26 June 2020.
- 1.2. The Amendment Order allows the Mayor to make arrangements for fire and rescue functions to be exercised by the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.
- 1.3. The Amendment Order also amends the remit of the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Panel to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken in connection with the discharge of fire and rescue functions.

2. GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE AND CRIME PANEL (GMPCP/the Panel)

- 2.1. GMPCP is a joint committee of the 10 districts. The districts are required to make Panel Arrangements.
- 2.2. The arrangements were reviewed in anticipation of the Amendment Order coming into force. The following revisions were identified:
 - 2.2.1. The Panel is to be named the Greater Manchester Police Fire and Crime Panel.
 - 2.2.2. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 imposes an objective on the districts and the Panel such that members of the panel (when taken together) have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary for the panel effectively to discharge its functions. A footnote is added to reference the need to include "fire and rescue expertise".
- 2.3. The term of office of Appointed Members has been clarified, as a term of one year and that Appointed Members may be re-appointed for further terms.
- 2.4. A report on revisions to the Panel Arrangements was approved by AGMA Executive on 26 June 2020. The revised Panel Arrangements are attached at Appendix 1, for the Panel's information.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. Recommendations appear at the front of this report.