

Report to the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel

Title: Report of the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel Complaint 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 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 Curtis James Marshall.
3. It was agreed that the Sub-Committee should submit its report to the Panel on a quarterly basis, when complaints had been considered.

Complaints Received

4. Two complaints were considered at the Sub-Committee meeting on 2 February 2018.
5. Members agreed that both complaints did not fall within the jurisdiction of the Panel as set out in the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012. Under Regulation 15(3)(e) the Panel may decide that the complaint should not be subject to resolution under Part 4 of the Regulations or that no action should be taken in relation to it at all if the complaint is considered to be vexatious, oppressive or an abuse of process.

Recommendation

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