

## Report to the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel

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**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 for 2022/23 was Councillor Emily Culverhouse.
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 Complaints Sub-Committees are confidential, and no details can be discussed in the public domain of a Panel meeting.

### **Complaint Received**

5. One complaint against the conduct of the Police and Crime Commissioner and officers of the PCC was considered at a meeting of the Complaints Sub-Committee on 18 April 2023. The proceedings of the Complaints Sub-Committee are confidential and cannot be discussed in the Panel meeting.
6. After careful consideration of the complaint, based on the submissions of the complainant and the PCC, the Sub-Committee resolved:-
  - “1) That this complaint made against the PCC, does not have any merit and the Sub-Committee agreed to dis-apply the requirements of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 (Part 4).

(2) 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 'vexatious' and an abuse of procedures, in accordance with Regulation 15(2) of the 2012 Regulations.

(3) That the complainant be advised to submit his complaint to the Independent Office for Police Conduct if he remains dissatisfied."

### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended that the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel note the report.**