

Cleveland Police and Crime Panel

A meeting of Cleveland Police and Crime Panel was held on Thursday, 29th August, 2013.

Present: Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E(Chairman), Cllr Chris Abbott, Geoff Baines, Cllr Hazel Pearson OBE, Cllr Ken Dixon, Gwen Duncan, Cllr George Dunning, Cllr Terry Laing,

Officers: David Bond and Michael Henderson (LD)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Charles Rooney, Cllr Christopher Akers-Belcher, Carl Richardson, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Ian Jeffrey, Cllr Bernie Taylor

1 Evacuation Procedure/Mobile Phones

The Chairman presented the Evacuation Procedures and reminded those present to turn off, or turn to silent, any mobile phone, or similar device, they might have with them.

2 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Abbott, Laing and Stephenson declared personal/non prejudicial interests in the issue to be discussed as they were former members of Cleveland Police Authority.

3 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the following item of business as discussion is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

4 Complaints

The Panel considered a report that provided details of a complaint, which had been received by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, regarding the alleged conduct of the Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner ('the Commissioner').

The Complaint raised two matters; the first matter related to the Commissioner's alleged attendance at a meeting on 18 November 2012 and the second matter concerned the dismissal of the former Chief Executive of Cleveland Police Authority and the appointment of his replacement.

Each Panel member was asked to consider issues relating to whether they should participate in any consideration of the complaint.

Members discussed both matters and agreed that they were complaints and that the Panel was the relevant Police and Crime Panel to consider them. Members also agreed that the matters should be recorded in accordance with the Panel's procedures and that a full copy of those records should be provided

to the Complainant and Commissioner.

Members considered that neither of the matters were conduct matters nor matters that should be referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

The Panel considered its options on how to deal with the matters and agreed to proceed to informal resolution. The Panel requested that the Commissioner and Complainant be invited to a future meeting, in order to provide relevant information or documents and/or answer relevant questions or give evidence.

RESOLVED that

1. both matters were complaints and that the Panel was the relevant Police and Crime Panel to deal with the matters concerned.
2. the matters be recorded in accordance with the Panel's procedures and copies of the record be provided, in full, to the Complainant and Commissioner.
3. neither of the matters contained in the complaint were conduct matters, or matters that should be referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission, and that
4. the Panel attempt to secure informal resolution of the complaint and the Commissioner and Complainant be invited to a future meeting in order to provide relevant information or documents and/or answer relevant questions or give evidence.