

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO CLEVELAND  
POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

**17 NOVEMBER 2020**

**APPOINTMENT OF A COMPLAINTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**SUMMARY**

This report relates to the appointment of a sub-committee to deal with complaints made against the Police and Crime Commissioner.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That a sub-committee of 5 members be appointed and the members proposed during the meeting be agreed.
2. The panel delegates to that sub-committee authority to deal with complaints required to be dealt with by way of informal resolution and any other matters referred to the panel by the Independent Office of Police Conduct, subject to the sub-committee being able to refer matters back to the full panel where this is deemed, by the sub-committee, to be the best means of dealing with the matter.

**DETAIL**

1. The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 requires that complaints made against the Police and Crime Commissioner are notified to the Police and Crime Panel and, if the complaint relates to the conduct of a police and crime commissioner, the panel shall make arrangements for the complaint to be subjected to informal resolution.
2. Those arrangements can include the appointment of a sub-committee, a single member of the panel or a single person who is not a member of the panel to secure the informal resolution of the complaint.
3. The panel adopted a complaints procedure including the "Arrangements for the Handling of Complaints and other matters" when it was first established in 2012 which includes a provision for the appointment of a sub-committee. Complaints were originally dealt with by the panel as a whole but due to the timescales between each meeting a sub-committee was duly appointed in June 2014 to deal with complaints more effectively. It has not met for some time and the membership has lapsed.
4. It is now proposed to appoint a standing sub-committee to deal with complaints under the informal resolution process, or such other matters as may be referred to it by the Independent Office of Police Conduct, subject to a provision that the sub-committee can refer matters back to the full panel if it is deemed the most appropriate way to resolve a matter.
5. To try to secure that the balanced appointment objective is met it is proposed to appoint a sub-committee made up of 5 members, made up of one member from each authority and to reflect the political/group make-up of the Cleveland Police and Crime

Panel. This would require the following appointments, wherever possible, but should not prevent the sub-committee being formed if the political balance cannot be achieved by agreement.

- 1 x Labour (Stockton)
- 1 x Conservative (Redcar & Cleveland)
- 2 x Independent (Hartlepool and Middlesbrough)
- 1 x Non-political independent member

6. Volunteers are therefore sought for the appointment of the sub-committee.

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