

DYFED-POWYS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
28TH JULY 2017

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FOR THE COMMISSIONER

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To add to the agendas of all quarterly Panel meetings standing items for;

1. Questions on notice from Panel Members to the Commissioner
2. Questions on notice from members of the public to the Commissioner

Reasons:

This step will help raise the profile of individual panel members and assist in promoting public engagement

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Panel procedure rules currently provide for the public to be able to ask questions 'of the Panel' on giving 10 days written notice of the question to be put.

Similarly, the rules also provide that a Panel Member may, on giving 7 days' notice in writing, ask that a particular matter be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

Neither of these provisions have been used to date.

To facilitate greater public engagement in the work of the Panel and raise the profile of individual member's contributions to panel discussions it is proposed to amend the procedure rules as follows;

1. To allow the public to submit questions to be put to the Commissioner at the next quarterly Panel meeting. The requirement for 10 working days' notice in writing should be retained.
2. To allow Panel members to submit written questions on notice to the Commissioner at the next quarterly Panel Meeting. It is suggested that this be subject to the same requirement in terms of written notice as questions from the public
3. That both these items be retained as standing items on the agendas of all quarterly meetings even if there are no questions to be put. This will help remind panel members and the public that this facility exists.

It is suggested that;

1. That Chair (or vice chair in his absence) have the discretion to limit the total number of questions to be considered on any one agenda in order to ensure the proper conduct of the remaining Panel business.
2. That in relation to public questions, the person putting the question need not attend the meeting, given the travelling distances involved
3. That this approach be adopted on a trial basis initially until the Panel AGM in 2018.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Host Authority File	LS-0511/14	County Hall, Carmarthen