

SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

3 February 2023

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

SUMMARY

This report sets out all complaints against the Police and Crime Commissioner that have been dealt with since the last meeting of the Police and Crime Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Police and Crime Panel is asked to:

- (i) Note the content of the report.

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 make Surrey's Police and Crime Panel responsible for overseeing complaints made about the conduct of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 1.2 Where a complaint is received by the Panel¹, a report is produced for the next available meeting to share the outcome and details of any action taken.

2.0 ANALYSIS AND PROGRESS

- 2.1 The Panel has a responsibility to informally resolve non-criminal complaints about the conduct of the PCC, as well as criminal complaints or conduct matters that are referred back to it by the Independent Office for Police Conduct.
- 2.2 For the above, the Panel agreed at its meeting on 13 December 2012 to delegate informal resolution of complaints to a Complaints Sub-Committee.
- 2.3 However, in accordance with the Regulations, complaints received by the Panel that do not relate to the conduct of the PCC (such as operational concerns and policy

¹ At its meeting on 13 December 2012 the Panel agreed to delegate initial receipt / filtering of complaints to the Chief Executive of the PCC's Office.

disputes) are referred to the most appropriate body for resolution instead of the Complaints Sub-Committee.

3.0 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

- 3.1 The Complaints Sub-Committee met on Monday 21 November 2022 to consider four related complaints (PCP 0048) received in October. These were progressed collectively in accordance with its established practice for multiple complaints regarding the same conduct. The Sub-Committee concluded that the PCC had not breached the provisions of the Code of Conduct and no further action would be taken. The complainants were advised of the outcome via email on Tuesday 29 November.
- 3.2 No complaints against the Police and Crime Commissioner have been received since the last meeting of the Panel.
- 3.3 No complaints against the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner have been received.

4.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is vital that any complaints process is accessible to all residents and that each and every complainant is treated with respect and courtesy. A revised Complaints Protocol agreed by the Panel on 26 September 2022 provides a clear guide to the local complaints process which reflects learning from previous complaints and incorporates new operational guidance from the Independent Office for Police Conduct.

5.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The Panel is asked to note the report.

6.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 6.1 Any future complaints will be reported to the next available meeting of the Panel.

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