

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Panel

Annual Report 2013-14

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1. At the Commission's February meeting, it was suggested that an annual report should be drafted, which could be used to publicise, and in particular to inform the public about its work. Members have expressed concern that it is difficult to keep the Panel in the public eye, and that the current police governance and scrutiny arrangements are less understandable and visible than the old Police Authority.
2. It is suggested that the report should include:
 - Chairman's forward
 - Explanation of what the Panel is and does and its relationship to the Police Commissioner
 - Description of the Panel's responsibilities and core work programme
 - List (and possibly photographs) of members
 - Summary of work undertaken since Nov. 2012 and recommendations resulting
 - Public contact details
 - Work programme for 2014-15 (if available)
3. Members may wish to suggest
 - further content or changes to the above
 - ways in which the annual report might be used to increase public awareness of the Panel's work
4. The annual report will be circulated to members for comments once drafted, and will be agreed at the Panel's AGM, provisionally timetabled for June