

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	19 th January 2012
TITLE:	Community Safety Plan: Police and Crime Commissioners & Police and Crime Panel
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[Police and Crime Commissioners: a guide for councils](#)

[Police and Crime Panels: Guidance on Role and Composition](#)

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 In September 2011 the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act received Royal Assent. The key changes contained in the Act are the election of Police and Crime Commissioners across the country in November 2012 and the establishment of Police and Crime Panels.
- 1.2 This report invites the Panel to hear about the new arrangements from Avon and Somerset Police Authority representatives, highlighting also what this will mean to Bath and North East Somerset.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to agree that it receives and comments on a presentation setting out proposed arrangements for the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset in November 2012 and the establishment of a Police and Crime Panel.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report. However, Government will transfer current Home Office Community Safety funding from Councils to the Police and Crime Commissioner in April 2013. The implications of this are being considered as part of the Council's budget planning process.

4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act establishes new structural arrangements for the governance of Policing, with the abolition of Police Authorities and the introduction of new Police and Crime Commissioners who will be directly- elected across force areas.
- 4.2 The Panel will receive a presentation on the arrangements for and the role of the new Police and Crime Commissioner. There will be an opportunity also to consider
- How these changes in governance may impact on Bath and North East Somerset and particularly arrangements for Community Safety.
 - How to ensure local priorities are reflected in the new arrangements
 - The roles of the new Police and Crime Panel

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 The presentation relates to the work of Avon & Somerset Police Authority: the Council will also consider any key risks upon its own work and priorities arising from these changes

6 EQUALITIES

- 6.1 . Promoting equality and opportunity for all groups and individuals across the equality strands and promoting community cohesion is integral to this work

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Divisional Director, Policy and Partnerships; Democratic Services

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

- 8.1 Community Safety, Section 17 and 115 Crime and Disorder Act 1998; Other Legal Considerations

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

- 9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication

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Background papers	Police and Crime Commissioners: a guide for councils Police and Crime Panels: Guidance on Role and Composition
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