



▶ LGA Event – Police and Crime Panels

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Introduction



- Thank you for inviting APCC – really pleased to be here today
 - I have been asked to give an APCC view, so hope to cover:
 - The key priorities/plans of APCC
 - Constructive working between panels and PCCs
 - The PCC review: our key messages on panels
 - And plenty of time for questions
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APCC Priorities



APCC BUSINESS PLAN OVERVIEW: OUR PRIORITIES FOR 2020-22

WHO ARE WE?

The APCC is the national body which supports Police and Crime Commissioners and other local policing bodies across England and Wales to provide national leadership and drive strategic change in the policing, criminal justice and wider community safety landscape, to help keep our communities safe.

DELIVERING EXCELLENCE IN POLICING

- Developing the workforce
- Building our resources and infrastructure
- Developing police capabilities and tackling Serious and Organised Crime (SOC)
- Improving public accountability

DELIVERING SAFER COMMUNITIES

- Improving our criminal justice system, supporting victims and giving them a voice
- Preventing crime and building partnerships
- Preventing serious violence

DELIVERING A NATIONAL VOICE FOR PCCs ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC

- Shaping national debate and policy
- Supporting PCCs to work with parliamentarians and their political groups
- Developing our organisation

EIGHT PILLARS FOR DELIVERY

PROVIDING VOICE
AND REPRESENTATION

BEING MEMBER LED

LINKING LOCAL AND
NATIONAL

BEING EVIDENCE INFORMED
AND INNOVATIVE

LIVING OUR ORGANISATIONAL
VALUES

COMMITTING TO EQUALITY
AND DIVERSITY

BEING JOINED UP AND
REACHING OUT

WORKING WITH INTEGRITY

OUR
PRIORITIES
2020/22

Policing Protocol



- ▶ “The Panel provides checks and balances in relation to the performance of the PCC. The Panel does not scrutinise the Chief Constable – it scrutinises the PCC’s exercise of their statutory functions. While the Panel is there to challenge the PCC, it must also exercise its functions with a view to supporting the effective exercise of the PCC’s functions”
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Panel & PCC Working



- ▶ PCCs believe panels getting better and more professional in their scrutiny role, but this is variable.
 - ▶ PCCs provided us with examples of good scrutiny during our recent consultation on PCC Review: e.g. in relation to scrutinising commissioning work, and broader CJS work
 - ▶ Scrutiny most constructive where panel members/LA support and OPCC staff engage – but tone usually set by PCC/Panel Chair relationship
 - ▶ Some PCPs have lead members for specific topics and some PCCs will involve them in open days, engagement events, delivery meetings
 - ▶ Several PCCs observed that some PCPs still find it hard to resist scrutinising operational activity.
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Support as well as Scrutiny



- ▶ Supporting PCCs is also a key function and PCCs cited some good examples e.g. help with developing strategies, providing community insight and building partnership links
 - ▶ Do you have further examples of:
 - ▶ What support and scrutiny works well
 - ▶ Good relationship building between panels and PCCs
 - ▶ PCCs noted that in some areas effective support and scrutiny might be hampered by frequent turnover of members – has your panel encountered this: if so how have you addressed it?
 - ▶ Have panel meetings been a challenge during Covid? How have you tackled issues and involved the public?
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PCC Review – Key Messages



- ▶ PCCs find that panels want to discuss operational policing matters that are outside their remit; they value scrutiny and support of them as the elected PCC, and how they are discharging their role
 - ▶ PCCs support greater central funding for panels, mostly to provide standard training on role, responsibilities, scrutiny & support, and to provide more secretariat support
 - ▶ PCCs do not support an expansion in the statutory role of panels
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