



# HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

## TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR THE PANEL

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Panel:-

- 1 Confirms that it would like the support/training offered by the Local Government Association
- 2 Suggests member training requirements for the year 2013/14

### Purpose of Report

To advise the Panel of offers of support and training received from the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Centre for Public Scrutiny.

### Background

The Panel indicated at its last meeting that it would like to have advice and support from an external organisation such as the LGA in carrying out its role. The LGA has now offered all panels support and training to carry out their roles. They suggest the following topics might be helpful:

- Effective work programming: knowing when to request and analyse information to support the Panel's statutory duties
- Managing and developing positive relationships with the Commissioner
- Managing confirmation hearings

- Questioning and leadership skills
- Clarity over mutual roles and responsibilities and the future direction and remit of the Panel

In addition, or possibly as a part of that support, Mr Tony Munday who lives in Hertfordshire has offered to fill the same role. He works with the Centre for Public Scrutiny which also works with the LGA. The key thing is that they require the Panel to indicate what topics it wants support with. The issues facing panels are many and varied and what is relevant for one panel is not at all relevant for others. The issues identified at the last hearing of setting the agenda for scrutiny of the PCC and performance monitoring have been made but members are invited to consider whether any other topics should be notified.

### **Financial Legal and Risk implications**

The cost of training will come from the budget held by the host authority. There are no other financial implications outlined in this report.