HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

REVIEW OF POLICE AND CRIME PANEL WEBSITE

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Panel comments on the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel website.

Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to seek comments from members of the Panel on the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel website.

Introduction

A dedicated website for the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel, www.hertspcp.org.uk, was established in August 2012, prior to the Panel becoming fully operational in November 2012. The website includes:

- a homepage displaying the latest news in regards to the Panel's work, links to the other sections on the website and a plug-in linked to the Panel's Twitter feed;

- the result of the 2012 Police and Crime Commissioner's election;

- information on the Panel's role and responsibilities and how the Panel holds the Commissioner to account;

- details of the Panel's membership with photographs and contact details;

- information on meetings of the Panel, including agendas, papers and minutes;

- the working arrangements of the Panel;

- information on public participation in the Panel, as approved in the Panel's Rules of Procedure;

- details of the procedures for members of the public to make a complaint about the Commissioner, the Panel or the Police; and

- lists other useful links, such as the Commissioner's website and other relevant websites in the police, crime and community safety domains.

Comparison of the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel website with other police and crime panel websites

Dedicated website

The Panel has a dedicated, stand alone website, whereas the majority of other police and crime panels use part of the host authority's website.

Webcast facility

The Cheshire Police and Crime Panel website has a webcast facility for visitors to view live meetings and coverage of meetings is retained on the website for six months.

Links to other police and crime panel websites

The CoPaCC (Comparing Police and Crime Commissioners) website, www.copacc.org.uk, provides links to the other police and crime panel websites.

Next steps

- The Panel's website will be migrated onto new hosting software in the next few months which will provide more flexibility with the design of the website.

- **Panel members are invited to make comments and suggestions as to how they would like to see the Panel's website developed over the coming months.**