

**COMPLAINT AGAINST THE ELECTED LOCAL POLICING BODY**

**Complaint reference:** DMTS2013/00238

**Summary of Complaint:** The Commissioner has failed to carry out his statutory duty in regard to information publication

**Record date:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013

**Assessed as:** Complaint  Serious Complaint  Conduct Matter

**Resolution process:** Informal Resolution  Referral to IPCC  Local Resolution

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**Particulars of Complaint:** Following requests for information on 30<sup>th</sup> March and 8 April 2013 a member of the public made a complaint to the Police and Crime Panel on 15<sup>th</sup> April as follows; “the PCC has failed to carry out their statutory duty to publish statutory information within the statutory time scales as required by The elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011” – see **Appendix A**

**Commissioner’s response to Complaint:** The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 as amended in 2012 (the order) sets out the information and the timescales that must be published by Police and Crime Commissioners.

1. The initial request on 30<sup>th</sup> March was for details of allowances paid to the Commissioner. The order requires this information to be published - “Quarterly as soon as practicable after the end of the quarter to which it relates”.

*The Commissioner made no claims for Allowable Expenses in the period from 22<sup>nd</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012. The allowable expenses claimed by the Commissioner from January to March 2013 were published on the Commissioners website on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Allowable Expenses will continue to be published on a quarterly basis.*

2. A second request on 8<sup>th</sup> April was for additional details of the Register of Gifts and Hospitality. The order requires this information to be published for the Commissioner and members of his staff - “As soon as practicable after election & any variation is to be published as soon as practicable after it becomes known”.

*The register was first published on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and included information for period November 2012 to April 2013. Due to the work involved in collating and publishing this information the Commissioner intends to publish updates to the Gift and Hospitality register on a monthly basis. However due to staff sickness the OPCC has not yet published updates for May, these together with June’s updates will be published in July.*

In conclusion the Commissioner respectfully asks that the Panel to record the outcome as ‘no further action’ on both counts.

In response to the Panel’s request the Chief Executive will provide a report to the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July which sets out the compliance with the full set of requirements of the Specified Information Order.