

Agenda Item 8

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Report title: Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel Complaints Sub-Committee - appointment of membership pool	
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County Divisions affected: All Essex	

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To identify those members of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel who will form the membership 'pool' from which individuals will be drawn to hear matters put before the Panel's Complaints Sub-Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 The process for the consideration of complaints against the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner was last reviewed by the Panel at a meeting held on 23 June 2022.
- 2.2 At that meeting it was agreed that rather than appoint a defined group of members to make up the membership of the sub-committee, a larger 'pool' of members would be established who could be called on to hear complaints when meetings were scheduled. This was intended to improve flexibility and the speed at which meetings could be held, as there was not reliance on the availability of a fixed membership.
- 2.3 An excerpt of the process agreed on 23 June 2022 is below:

"The Reviewing Officer's report will be considered by a Committee of the Panel, comprising the Chairman and / or Vice-Chairman of the Panel and one or two further members taken from a pool of Panel members nominated at the Annual meeting to comprise a membership of three".

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Panel agree the nomination of a pool of Panel members for 2023-24 from which membership of the Complaints Sub-Committee will be drawn as and when a meeting is convened.