

AGENDA ITEM 7

Essex Police and Crime Panel	EPCP/050/14
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Local policing - accountability, leadership and ethics: an inquiry by the Committee on Standards in Public Life

Report by the Secretary to the Panel

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Purpose of report and background

At its last meeting the Panel was informed about the Committee on Standards in Public Life's inquiry focusing on the public accountability structures of the police by looking at accountability in police governance from a standards point of view. In particular, looking at what structures are in place for ensuring ethical standards in the conduct and operation of Police and Crime Panels, Police and Crime Commissioners, and Chief Constables. It will then go on to consider how effective those structures are, identify what works well and, where there are shortcomings, what the Committee would expect to see in any model for police accountability. It will be seeking the necessary assurance that ethical standards in public life are, and are capable of being, upheld.

Police and Crime Panels have been asked to contribute to the inquiry and a copy of a draft response on behalf of the Essex Panel is attached. The closing date for contributions is 30 November 2014.

The Panel is asked to approve the draft response to be sent on behalf of the Panel.