

**AGENDA ITEM 9**

Essex Police and Crime Panel	<b>EPCP/029/14</b>
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**Police and Crime Panels: the first year**

Report by the Secretary to the Panel

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**Purpose of report and background**

Attached is a copy of a report produced by the Centre for Public Scrutiny on the first year of operation of Police and Crime Panels.

Rather than investigate the duties of Panels in turn, the report draws out some key themes from the experiences of those working with, and sitting on, Panels, and from a desktop study of publicly-available information on each of the 41 Panels. It uses this evidence to make suggestions on how Panels, and those with whom they work, can plan their business in future.

It has already been suggested that the Report be used as one of the resources at the Panel's training event.