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Publication Scheme Monitoring, Review and Assurance

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Joint Audit and Scrutiny Panel (the Panel) with assurance that the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is working in full compliance of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 and The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011.

1.2 The FOI Act 2000 provides public access to information held by public authorities. It does this in two ways:

- Public authorities are obliged to publish certain information about their activities; and
- Members of the public are entitled to request information from public authorities.

1.3 The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 ("the 2011 Order") specifies information which must be published by a Police and Crime Commissioner.[1]

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the panel notes the report.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 The Panel have a responsibility to ensure that the Commissioner and Chief Constable discharge their legal obligations and responsibilities.

3.2 The public also hold Commissioners to account through being able to benchmark their performance and vote accordingly in elections. To help the public fulfil this role there are a number of separate pieces of information that Commissioners

[1] Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011

must publish to comply with The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 such as data on salaries and contracts.

3.3 The CoPaCC monitors police governance in the United Kingdom.

3.4 Each year the CoPaCC team undertakes a review of England and Wales Police and Crime Commissioners' compliance with The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011.

3.5 The Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner was awarded the OPCC Transparency Quality Mark every year from 2015-2019. Unfortunately, due to a delay with the audit on the 2018/19 accounts, the PCC was not awarded the Transparency Quality Mark in 2020. CoPaCC were unable to complete an audit in 2021 but are hopeful to reinstate the audit in 2022.

3.6 Confirmation of the CoPaCC Transparency Quality Mark Award can be found via the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner's website.

https://policinginsight.com/news/transparency-twenty-seven-opccs-recognised-for-excellence/

4. Summary of Key Points

4.1 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner received 44 requests for information between the period of 1 January – 31 December 2021. Details of the requests are published on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website.

4.2 90.2% of the requests for information were responded to within the 20 working day deadline.

4.3 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is compliant with the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011. The information is detailed on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website via the website address:

http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Get-in-touch/Freedom-of-Information/Publication-Scheme.aspx

4.4 The Order is reviewed by the Business Support Manager on at least a quarterly basis to ensure information is up to date and accurate.

5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

5.1 None

6. Human Resources Implications

6.1 None

7. Equality Implications

7.1 None

8. Risk Management

8.1 None

9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

9.1 None

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

10.1 None

11. Details of outcome of consultation

11.1 None

12. Appendices

12.1 None

13. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)

13. N/A