



Police Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 16

PART I

ORGANISATION OF POLICE FORCES

[^{F1}The City of London]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 6ZA cross-heading inserted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#) (c. 13), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 8](#); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)

[^{F2}6AZA Common Council to remain police authority for City

The Common Council of the City of London is to continue to be the police authority for the City of London police area.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 6AZA inserted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#) (c. 13), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 9](#); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)

[^{F3}6ZA Power to confer particular functions on [^{F4}the Common Council]

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order confer particular functions on [^{F5}the Common Council].
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), an order under this section may contain provision requiring [^{F6}the Common Council]—
 - (a) to monitor the performance of [^{F7}the City of London police force] in—
 - (i) complying with any duty imposed on the force by or under this Act, the Human Rights Act 1998 or any other enactment;

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- (ii) carrying out any plan issued by virtue of section 6ZB;
- [^{F8}(aa) to hold the Commissioner of Police for the City of London to account for the exercise of the Commissioner's functions under Part 2 of the Police Reform Act 2002 in relation to the handling of complaints;]
- (b) to secure that arrangements are made for that force to co-operate with other police forces whenever necessary or expedient;
- (c) to promote diversity within that force and within [^{F9}the Common Council].
- (3) Before making an order under this section the Secretary of State must consult—
- [^{F10}(a) the Common Council,]
- [^{F10}(b) the Commissioner of Police for the City of London, and]
- (c) such other persons as he thinks fit.
- ^{F11}(4)
- (5) A statutory instrument containing an order under this section shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

- F3** S. 6ZA inserted (15.1.2007) by [Police and Justice Act 2006 \(c. 48\)](#), s. 53(1), **Sch. 2 para. 8**; S.I. 2006/3364, art. 2(b) (with art. 3)
- F4** Words in s. 6ZA title substituted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 10(2)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F5** Words in s. 6ZA(1) substituted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 10(3)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F6** Words in s. 6ZA(2) substituted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 10(4)(a)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F7** Words in s. 6ZA(2) substituted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 10(4)(b)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F8** S. 6ZA(2)(aa) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 1.2.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 22(3)**, 183(1)(5)(e); S.I. 2020/5, reg. 2(i) (with art. 3(1)(2)(4))
- F9** Words in s. 6ZA(2) substituted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 10(4)(c)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F10** S. 6ZA(3)(a)(b) substituted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 10(5)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F11** S. 6ZA(4) omitted (22.11.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 10(6)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)

[^{F12}6ZB Plans by [^{F13}the Common Council]

- (1) Before the beginning of each financial year [^{F14}the Common Council] shall issue a plan (a “policing plan”) setting out—
- (a) [^{F15}the Common Council's] objectives (“policing objectives”) for the policing of [^{F16}the City of London police area, and for the discharge by the City of London Police of its national or international functions] during that year; and
- (b) the proposed arrangements for the policing of that area for the period of three years beginning with that year.
- [^{F17}(2) In issuing a policing plan, the Common Council must have regard to the strategic policing requirement issued under section 37A.]

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- (3) Before determining policing objectives, [^{F18} the Common Council] shall—
- (a) consult the [^{F19}Commissioner of Police for the City of London], and
 - (b) consider any views obtained by [^{F20}the Common Council] in accordance with arrangements made under section 96.
- (4) A draft of a policing plan required to be issued by [^{F21}the Common Council] under this section shall be prepared by the [^{F22}Commissioner of Police for the City of London] and submitted by him to the [^{F23}Common Council for] it to consider.
- The [^{F24}Common Council shall] consult the [^{F25}Commissioner of Police for the City of London] before issuing a policing plan which differs from the draft submitted by him under this subsection.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision supplementing that made by this section.
- (6) The regulations may make provision (further to that made by subsection (3)) as to persons who are to be consulted, and matters that are to be considered, before determining policing objectives.
- (7) The regulations may contain provision as to—
- (a) matters to be dealt with in policing plans (in addition to those mentioned in subsection (1));
 - (b) persons who are to be consulted, and matters that are to be considered, in preparing policing plans;
 - (c) modification of policing plans;
 - (d) persons to whom copies of policing plans are to be sent.
- (8) Before making regulations under this section the Secretary of State must consult—
- [^{F26}(a) the Common Council,]
 - [^{F26}(b) the Commissioner of Police for the City of London, and]
 - (c) such other persons as he thinks fit.
- ^{F27}(9)
- (10) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- ^{F28}(11)

Textual Amendments

- F12** Ss. 6ZB, 6ZC inserted (14.3.2008) by [Police and Justice Act 2006 \(c. 48\)](#), s. 53(1), [Sch. 2 para. 9](#); S.I. 2008/311, art. 2(b)
- F13** Words in s. 6ZB title substituted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 11\(2\)](#); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F14** Words in s. 6ZB(1) substituted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 11\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F15** Words in s. 6ZB(1) substituted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 11\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F16** Words in s. 6ZB(1) substituted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 11\(3\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)

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- F17** S. 6ZB(2) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 11(4)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F18** Words in s. 6ZB(3) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 11(5)(a)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F19** Words in s. 6ZB(3) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 11(5)(b)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F20** Words in s. 6ZB(3) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 11(5)(c)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F21** Words in s. 6ZB(4) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 11(6)(a)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F22** Words in s. 6ZB(4) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 11(6)(b)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F23** Words in s. 6ZB(4) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 11(6)(c)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F24** Words in s. 6ZB(4) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 11(6)(d)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F25** Words in s. 6ZB(4) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 11(6)(e)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F26** S. 6ZB(8)(a)(b) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 11(7)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F27** S. 6ZB(9) omitted (22.11.2012) by virtue of Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 11(8)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F28** S. 6ZB(11) omitted (22.11.2012) by virtue of Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 11(9)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)

6ZC Reports by [^{F29}the Common Council]

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order require [^{F30}the Common Council] to issue reports concerning the [^{F31}discharge of the Common Council's functions].
- (2) An order under this section may contain provision as to—
- (a) the periods to be covered by reports, and, as regards each period, the date by which reports are to be issued;
 - (b) the matters to be dealt with in reports;
 - (c) persons to whom copies of reports are to be sent.
- (3) Before making an order under this section the Secretary of State must consult—
- [^{F32}(a) the Common Council,]
 - [^{F32}(b) the Commissioner of Police for the City of London, and]
 - (c) such other persons as he thinks fit.
- ^{F33}(4)
- (5) A statutory instrument containing an order under this section shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

- F12** Ss. 6ZB, 6ZC inserted (14.3.2008) by Police and Justice Act 2006 (c. 48), s. 53(1), **Sch. 2 para. 9**; S.I. 2008/311, art. 2(b)
- F29** Words in s. 6ZC title substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 12(2)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)

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- F30** Words in s. 6ZC(1) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 12(3)(a)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F31** Words in s. 6ZC(1) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 12(3)(b)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F32** S. 6ZC(3)(a)(b) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 12(4)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)
- F33** S. 6ZC(4) omitted (22.11.2012) by virtue of Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 12(5)**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)

F34 6A Three-year strategy plans

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Textual Amendments

- F34** S. 6A repealed (14.3.2008) by Police and Justice Act 2006 (c. 48), s. 53(1), Sch. 2 para. 10, **Sch. 15 Pt. 1(B)**; S.I. 2008/311, art. 2(b)

F35 7 Local policing objectives.

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Textual Amendments

- F35** S. 7 repealed (14.3.2008) by Police and Justice Act 2006 (c. 48), s. 53(1), Sch. 2 para. 10, **Sch. 15 Pt. 1(B)**; S.I. 2008/311, art. 2(b)

F36 8 Local policing plans.

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Textual Amendments

- F36** S. 8 repealed (14.3.2008) by Police and Justice Act 2006 (c. 48), s. 53(1), Sch. 2 para. 10, **Sch. 15 Pt. 1(B)**; S.I. 2008/311, art. 2(b)

F37 8A Local policing summaries

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Textual Amendments

- F37** Ss. 8A-9G omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 13**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

F38 9 Annual reports by police authorities.

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Textual Amendments

F38 S. 9 repealed (14.3.2008) by [Police and Justice Act 2006 \(c. 48\)](#), s. 53(1), Sch. 2 para. 10, **Sch. 15 Pt. 1(B)**; S.I. 2008/311, art. 2(b) (with art. 3)

F37 9A General functions of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

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Textual Amendments

F37 Ss. 8A-9G omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 13**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

F37 9B Appointment of Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

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Textual Amendments

F37 Ss. 8A-9G omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 13**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

F37 9C Functions of Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

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Textual Amendments

F37 Ss. 8A-9G omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 13**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

F37 9D Appointment of Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

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Textual Amendments

F37 Ss. 8A-9G omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 13**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

F37 9E Removal of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner.

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Textual Amendments

F37 Ss. 8A-9G omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 13](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

^{F37}9F Assistant Commissioners of Police of the Metropolis.

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Textual Amendments

F37 Ss. 8A-9G omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 13](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

^{F37}9FA Appointment and removal of Deputy Assistant Commissioners

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Textual Amendments

F37 Ss. 8A-9G omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 13](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

^{F37}9G Commanders.

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Textual Amendments

F37 Ss. 8A-9G omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 13](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

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