



Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

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PART 1

POLICE REFORM

CHAPTER 3

FUNCTIONS OF ELECTED LOCAL POLICING BODIES ETC

Information, consultation etc

11 Information for public etc

- (1) An elected local policing body—
 - (a) must publish specified information; and
 - (b) if the time or manner of the publication of that information is specified, must publish it at that time or in that manner.
- (2) For that purpose, “specified” means specified by the Secretary of State by order.
- (3) An elected local policing body must publish the information which the body considers to be necessary to enable the persons who live in the body’s area to assess—
 - (a) the performance of the body in exercising the body’s functions, and
 - (b) the performance of the relevant chief officer of police in exercising the chief officer’s functions.
- (4) The information necessary to enable those persons to assess those matters by reference to a particular time, or a particular period, must be published by the elected local policing body as soon as practicable after that time or the end of that period.

- (5) An elected local policing body may provide (whether by publication or other means) information about—
- (a) the exercise of the body's functions, and
 - (b) the exercise of the functions of the relevant chief officer of police.

12 Annual reports

- (1) Each elected local policing body must produce a report (an “annual report”) on—
 - (a) the exercise of the body's functions in each financial year, and
 - (b) the progress which has been made in the financial year in meeting the police and crime objectives in the body's police and crime plan.
- (2) As soon as practicable after producing an annual report, the elected local policing body must send the report to the relevant police and crime panel.
- (3) The elected local policing body must attend before the panel at the public meeting arranged by the panel in accordance with section 28(4), to—
 - (a) present the report to the panel, and
 - (b) answer the panel's questions on the report.
- (4) The elected local policing body must—
 - (a) give the panel a response to any report or recommendations on the annual report (see section 28(4)), and
 - (b) publish any such response.
- (5) It is for the police and crime panel to determine the manner in which a response to a report or recommendations is to be published in accordance with subsection (4)(b).
- (6) An elected local policing body must arrange for each annual report to be published.
- (7) It is for the elected local policing body to determine the manner in which an annual report is to be published.

13 Information for police and crime panels

- (1) An elected local policing body must provide the relevant police and crime panel with any information which the panel may reasonably require in order to carry out its functions.
- (2) But subsection (1) does not require the elected local policing body to provide information if disclosure of the information—
 - (a) would, in the view of the chief officer of police, be against the interests of national security,
 - (b) might, in the view of the chief officer of police, jeopardise the safety of any person,
 - (c) might, in the view of the chief officer of police, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime, the apprehension or prosecution of offenders, or the administration of justice, or
 - (d) is prohibited by or under any enactment.
- (3) An elected local policing body may provide the relevant police and crime panel with any other information which the body thinks appropriate.

14 Arrangements for obtaining the views of the community on policing

(1) Section 96 of the Police Act 1996 (arrangements for obtaining the views of the community on policing) is amended in accordance with this section.

(2) In subsection (1), after paragraph (b) insert “;

and for obtaining the views of victims of crime in that area about matters concerning the policing of the area.”.

(3) After subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) Those arrangements must include, in the case of—

- (a) a police area listed in Schedule 1, or
- (b) the metropolitan police district,

arrangements for obtaining, before a police and crime plan is issued under section 5 or 6 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the views of the people in that police area, and the views of the victims of crime in that area, on that plan.

(1B) Those arrangements must include, in the case of a police area listed in Schedule 1, arrangements for obtaining, before the first precept for a financial year is issued by the police and crime commissioner under section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the views of—

- (a) the people in that police area, and
- (b) the relevant ratepayers’ representatives,

on the proposals of the police and crime commissioner for expenditure (including capital expenditure) in that financial year.

(1C) Those arrangements must include, in the case of the metropolitan police district, arrangements for obtaining, before the first calculations in relation to the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime are made for a financial year under section 85 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999, the views of—

- (a) the people in the metropolitan police district, and
- (b) the relevant ratepayers’ representatives,

on the proposals of the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime for expenditure (including capital expenditure) in that financial year.”.

(4) For subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) Arrangements under this section are to be made by the local policing body for the police area, after consulting the chief officer of police for that area.”.

(5) Before subsection (6) insert—

“(5A) In subsections (1B) and (1C) “relevant ratepayers’ representatives”, in relation to a police area listed in Schedule 1, or the metropolitan police district, means the persons or bodies who appear to the elected local policing body for that area or district to be representative of persons subject to non-domestic rates under sections 43 and 45 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 as regards hereditaments situated in that area or district.

(5B) In determining which persons or bodies are relevant ratepayers’ representatives, an elected local policing body must have regard to any guidance given by the Secretary of State.”.

Status: *This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

(6) Omit subsections (6) to (10).