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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 8

APPOINTMENT, SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL OF SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS

PART 2

SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL OF CHIEF CONSTABLES

Removal: role of panel

- 15 (1) This paragraph applies if a police and crime panel is given a notification under paragraph 14.
 - (2) The panel must make a recommendation to the police and crime commissioner as to whether or not the commissioner should call for the retirement or resignation.
 - (3) The recommendation must be given to the police and crime commissioner in writing before the end of the period of six weeks beginning with the day on which the panel receives the notification under paragraph 14.
 - (4) Before making the recommendation, the panel—
 - (a) may consult the chief inspector of constabulary, and
 - (b) must hold a scrutiny hearing.
 - (5) The panel must publish the recommendation made under this paragraph.
 - (6) It is for the panel to determine the manner in which the recommendation is to be published in accordance with sub-paragraph (5).
 - (7) In calculating the period of six weeks mentioned in sub-paragraph (3), any relevant post-election period is to be ignored.
 - (8) For that purpose, "relevant post-election period" means the period that—
 - (a) begins with the day of the poll at an ordinary election of a police and crime commissioner under section 50, and
 - (b) ends with the day on which the person elected as police and crime commissioner delivers a declaration of acceptance of office under section 70.
 - (9) For the purposes of this Part a "scrutiny hearing" is a meeting of the panel, held in private, which the police and crime commissioner and the chief constable are both entitled to attend for the purpose of making representations relating to the proposal to call upon the chief constable to retire or resign.
 - (10) References in this Part to a person appearing at a meeting of the panel are references to the person—
 - (a) attending the meeting in person, or

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(b) not attending the meeting in person, but participating in the proceedings at the meeting by any means that enable the person to hear, and be heard in, those proceedings as they happen.