



Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

2011 CHAPTER 13

PART 1

POLICE REFORM

CHAPTER 4

ACCOUNTABILITY OF ELECTED LOCAL POLICING BODIES

Scrutiny of police and crime commissioners

28 Police and crime panels outside London

(1) Each police area, other than the metropolitan police district, is to have a police and crime panel established and maintained in accordance with Schedule 6 (police and crime panels).

[^{F1}(1A) Subsection (1B) applies if the person who is the police and crime commissioner for a police area is also the fire and rescue authority for the area which corresponds to, or an area which falls within, the police area.

(1B) The police and crime panel for the police area is to be known as “the Police, Fire and Crime Panel”.]

(2) The functions of the police and crime panel for a police area must be exercised with a view to supporting the effective exercise of the functions of the police and crime commissioner for that police area.

(3) A police and crime panel must—

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- (a) review the draft police and crime plan, or draft variation, given to the panel by the relevant police and crime commissioner in accordance with section 5(6)(c), and
 - (b) make a report or recommendations on the draft plan or variation to the commissioner.
- (4) A police and crime panel must—
- (a) arrange for a public meeting of the panel to be held as soon as practicable after the panel is sent an annual report under section 12,
 - (b) ask the police and crime commissioner, at that meeting, such questions about the annual report as the members of the panel think appropriate,
 - (c) review the annual report, and
 - (d) make a report or recommendations on the annual report to the commissioner.
- (5) A police and crime panel has the functions conferred by Schedules 1 (procedure for appointments of senior staff), 5 (issuing precepts) and 8 (procedure for appointments by police and crime commissioners).
- (6) A police and crime panel must—
- (a) review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the relevant police and crime commissioner in connection with the discharge of the commissioner's functions; and
 - (b) make reports or recommendations to the relevant police and crime commissioner with respect to the discharge of the commissioner's functions, insofar as the panel is not otherwise required to do so by subsection (3) or (4) or by Schedule 1, 5 or 8.
- (7) A police and crime panel must publish any reports or recommendations made to the relevant police and crime commissioner.
- (8) The police and crime panel for a police area in England must send copies of any such reports or recommendations to each local authority whose area falls wholly or partly within the police area.
- (9) It is for the police and crime panel to determine the manner in which reports or recommendations are to be published in accordance with subsection (7).
- (10) Schedule 6 (police and crime panels) has effect.
- (11) In this section “local authority” means a county council or a district council.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 28(1A)(1B) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 1 para. 89**; S.I. 2017/399, reg. 2, Sch. para. 38

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 28 applied (with modifications) (8.5.2017) by [The Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions to the Mayor\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/470\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 23**
- C2** S. 28 applied by S.I. 2017/469, Sch. 1 para. 5(5) (as inserted (26.6.2020) by [The Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(Fire and Rescue Functions\) \(Amendment\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/641\)](#), arts. 1, **9**)

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- C3** S. 28 modified (20.12.2023) by [The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1432\)](#), arts. 1(2), 33(2), **Sch. 5 para. 23**
- C4** S. 28 applied (with modifications) (20.12.2023) by [The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1432\)](#), arts. 1(2), 46(2), **Sch. 7 para. 8(5)**
- C5** S. 28(2)-(9) applied (with modifications) by 2004 c. 21, Sch. A2 para. 8 (as inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 1 para. 13**; S.I. 2017/399, reg. 2, Sch. para. 38)
- C6** S. 28(11) applied (with modifications) by 2004 c. 21, Sch. A2 para. 8 (as inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 1 para. 13**; S.I. 2017/399, reg. 2, Sch. para. 38)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 28(1)(10) in force at 25.4.2012 by S.I. 2012/1129, **art. 2(a)**
- I2** S. 28(2)-(9) (11) in force at 22.11.2012 by S.I. 2012/2892, **art. 2(a)**

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