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RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to review the Rules of Procedure which were adopted by the Police and Crime Panel at its meeting on 7 February 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that:

- (a) the Panel review the Rules of Procedure as required at paragraph 1.4 of the Rules of Procedure.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

3.1 The rules of procedure outline how the Panel will operate. They can also be referred to as the standing orders of the Panel.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 At the meeting of the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel on 7 February 2013 the Rules of Procedure were approved in accordance with Schedule 6, paragraph 25, of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the ‘Act’). In accordance with paragraph 1.4 of the Rules of Procedure the Panel are required to review the Rules of Procedure annually at the Panels Annual Meeting. The Rules of Procedure are attached at Appendix 1.

5. KEY ISSUES

5.1 The Rules shall not be amended unless written notification of the amendments required are received by the Panel Secretariat not less than fifteen working days prior to a Panel meeting. No amendment may be considered by the Panel which does not comply with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, relevant Regulations or statutory guidance.

5.2 It has been highlighted that the wording under Section 16.0 Proposed Precept, paragraph 16.2 bullet point c) does not accurately reflect legislation as required in Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, Issuing Precepts. Under the Panels power to veto precept, paragraph 4, bullet point 4 it states the following:

“For that purpose, the panel makes that decision by the required majority if at least two-thirds of the persons who are members of the panel at the time when the decision is made vote in favour of making that decision”

It is therefore proposed that the wording should be changed in the Rules of Procedure from:

“ c) veto the proposed precept by a two thirds majority of those members present at the time when the decision is made” to;

c) veto the proposed precept (by the required majority of at least two thirds of the persons who are members of the Panel at the time when the decision is made).

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 N/A

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 N/A.

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 Should any amendments be requested to specific sections of the Rules of Procedure, these will be amended accordingly and agreed at the next meeting of the Panel with the remaining Rules being deemed approved.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

9.1 None.

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Rules of Procedure (Appendix 1)