

CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL	Agenda Item No. 6
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CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND MEMBER EXPENSES

1. PURPOSE

1.1 This report provides details about the budget claimed to support Cambridgeshire’s Police and Crime Panel, including the expenses and allowances of Panel Members.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Panel notes the financial position for costs associated with administrative support and member expenses.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

3.1 The report is in accordance with the inter-authority agreement of July 2012 concerning the arrangements of the Panel.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 As Host Authority, Peterborough City Council receives a grant from the Home Office to fund the operation of the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel. This grant is up to a maximum of £53,300 per full financial year for support and running costs, plus up to £920 per Panel member to cover their necessary expenses. The grant commenced in October 2012 and has been paid annually thereafter.

As agreed previously, the annual costs of the Panel, reduced by the figure of grant from the Home Office or any other source, shall be borne between the Authorities equally. However, to date this has not been required.

5. KEY ISSUES

5.1 Between October 2012 and the current date Peterborough City Council has provided staffing and other support to set up, establish and run Cambridgeshire’s Panel. The majority of costs are associated with day-day management and support of the Panel’s functions. This includes management support from Peterborough City Council’s Social Inclusion Manager and specialist support where required from teams across the council such as Legal, HR, Finance and Governance. The total administration costs for 2015/16 are forecast to be £33,521.

5.2 The council also receives grant to cover Panel Members expenses. Each member may claim up to £920 per annum in expenses. In 2015/16 Members claimed a total of £1,022.38 as at 29 February 2016. A breakdown of Member expenses is set out below:

Councillor/Member	Item	Cost	Total
Cllr Ablewhite	Police and Crime Panel Conference Mileage Car Parking	£99 £38.25 £10.20	£147.45
Francesca Anderson	Nil	£0	£0
Cllr Bullen	Mileage Car parking	£28.80 £9.20	£38
Cllr Coles	Police and Crime Panel Conference Train fare	£99 £50	£149
Cllr Criswell	Nil	£0	£0
Cllr Herbert	Nil	£0	£0
Cllr Lane	Nil	£0	£0
Edward Leigh	Mileage Police and Crime Panel Conference Train Fares/Bus	£10.35 £99 £96.60	£205.95
Cllr McGuire	Nil	£0	£0
Cllr Oliver	Nil	£0	£0
Cllr Over	Mileage	£26.73	£26.73
Cllr Pearson	Nil	£0	£0
Cllr Shellens	Mileage Car Parking	£20.70 £6	£26.70
Cllr Sinnott	Police and Crime Panel Conference	£99	£99
Cllr Shaheed	Nil	£0	£0
Cllr Shelton	Mileage Car parking	£184.95 £45.60	£230.55
Cllr Reeve	Police and Crime Panel Conference	£99	£99
Total			£1,022.38

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The costs of supporting the operation of the Panel will be contained within funding provided by the Home Office for this purpose. It is therefore anticipated that no funding contributions will be required from Authorities.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 The budget will be monitored in accordance with the normal arrangements of the Host Authority, and reported to future panel meetings on a regular basis.

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 None.

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