

<b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 5</b>
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**REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS**

**1. PURPOSE**

1.1 To update the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel on complaints received against the previous Police and Crime Commissioner and the Acting Police and Crime Commissioner.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 To note the details of this report.

**3. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

3.1 This report discharges the responsibility for the Panel to have an overview of complaints made against the previous Police and Crime Commissioner and the Acting Police and Crime Commissioner.

**4. BACKGROUND**

4.1 Regular quarterly update to the Panel on any complaints received.

4.2 The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 (the “Regulations”) make provision regarding the Panel’s powers and duties in regard to complaints made about the conduct of a Police and Crime Commissioner, Acting Commissioner, or a Deputy Commissioner. The Regulations also apply in circumstances when a Commissioner holds the office of police and crime commissioner at the time of the conduct being complained about but subsequently ceases to hold that office e.g. has resigned.

**5. KEY ISSUES**

**5.1 Complaints against the previous Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite - Oct – Nov 2019**

5.2 8 Nov - A complaint was received that was sent directly to the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC); this remains with IOPC under investigation.

5.3 21 Nov – A complaint was received that was forwarded to the IOPC at the complainant's request; the IOPC responded stating that the matter did not require independent investigation as the information provided did not indicate a criminal offence had been committed.

5.4 29 Nov - Further evidence was received regarding a complaint which was reported at the November 2019 meeting of the Panel, whereby sufficient evidence had not yet been received. This further evidence was received and forwarded to the IOPC; the IOPC responded stating that the matter did not require independent investigation as the information did not indicate a criminal offence had been committed.

5.5 In light of the resignation of the previous Commissioner on 11 November 2019 and the Panel's extremely limited statutory powers in these circumstances the Panel has no further role to play with regard to the complaints at 5.3 and 5.4 above and this has been communicated to the complainants.

5.6 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is in discussions with the Chairman of the Police and Crime Panel about ways to increase public confidence in relation to management of concerns regarding standards of conduct affecting the role of the PCC.

5.7 **Complaints against the (current) Acting Police and Crime Commissioner – Ray Bisby – Nov 2019 – Present**

There have been no complaints received.

**6. IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 None

**7. CONSULTATION**

7.1 None

**8. NEXT STEPS**

8.1 N/a.

**9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

9.1 The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/62/made>

Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel Complaints procedure  
<https://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/documents/s19668/Complaints%20Procedure.pdf>

**10. APPENDICES**

10.1 *None*