



Friday 12th July 2024

Police and Crime Panel

The Old Court Room, Wakefield Town Hall

Item 12

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Complaints Received by the Panel

1. Summary

- 1.1 Through the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel has a duty to record non-criminal complaints made against the Mayor of West Yorkshire when acting in relation to their policing and crime functions, and the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC).
- 1.2 Whilst the Panel has a duty to record such complaints, it only has a duty to consider recorded complaints about a Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime who is not a Member of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. Where recorded complaints are about the Mayor or a Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime who is a Member of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, the Panel has a duty to refer the same for consideration by the Monitoring Officer of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. The current Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime of West Yorkshire is not a Member of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.
- 1.3 The Monitoring Officer has authority for filtering complaints and must refer the following to the IOPC:
 - 1.3.1 All Recorded Conduct Matters;
 - 1.3.2 All Serious Complaints (i.e. a complaint that constitutes or involves or appears to constitute or involve, the commission of a criminal offence)

2. Complaints received by the Panel

- 2.1 There have been no new complaints recorded against the Mayor when acting in relation to policing and crime functions or the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, since the last meeting on 14th June 2024.
- 2.2 The report taken to the Panel meeting on 14th June 2024, indicated that there was one ongoing complaint which was under consideration by the Complaints Sub-Panel (set out in the table below).

2.3 It was verbally reported at the Panel meeting, that following the report being issued, a further meeting of the Complaints Sub-Panel had taken place and that the complaint had not been upheld.

Substance of Complaint	Status
<p>The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime has made untrue statements and 'demands and threats' about the complainant to their employer resulting in their dismissal from employment, made threats to inform other organisations of her opinions about the complainant and acted in a way that is an abuse of her position.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaint formally recorded 8th March 2024 • A Complaints Sub-Panel was held on 12th April 2024 to consider the complaint and further information was requested from the DMPC and the complainant. • The Complaints Sub-Panel met on 10th May 2024 to consider the further information provided and determined that further information was required from the DMPC and the complainant. • The Complaints Sub-Panel met again on 11th June 2024 on receipt of additional requested information. Following full consideration of all the available information, it was agreed that the complaint should not be upheld. Both the complainant and the DMPC have been informed of the outcome.
	<p>Complaint not upheld – 11th June 2024</p>

2.2 In line with the provisions within the Panel’s Complaints and Misconduct Procedures, the complainant has now requested a Review by Full Panel of the handling of the complaint.

2.3 Arrangements have been made for a review to be undertaken by the Full Panel. The review will take place in private, at the close of the Police and Crime Panel meeting on 12th July 2024 and the findings will be reported in public to the next meeting of the full Police and Crime Panel.

3. Recommendation

3.1 That members note the contents of this report.