

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE FIRE AND CRIME PANELS

Essex Police Fire and Crime Panel
Essex County Council
Chelmsford
Essex

Dear Chairman,

National Association of Police Fire and Crime Panels - NAPFCP

Please allow me to introduce myself as the Chairman of the newly formed National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels for England and Wales. An inaugural meeting took place on 19th April 2018 at the LGA offices in London to review the formation of the Association, agree its outline terms of reference and initial work programmes and to elect a Chair and Vice Chair(s).

Invitations to the inaugural meeting were sent to all Panels asking each to send a representative to help ensure decisions made at the meeting were truly representative of all PCP's / PFCP's. A list of those panels that were represented at the meeting appears at the end of this letter. Whilst not all representatives had delegated powers for their panels, out of the 21 panels that were represented, 16 (40%) of the total number of panels in England and Wales confirmed they would become association members at the inaugural meeting. Whilst an additional 5 panel representatives were also in favour of the formation of a national association, they were not in a position to confirm their panel membership.

It is hoped that membership will increase as the NAPFCP becomes established and include all PCP/PFCP's to provide a common voice when interfacing with the Home Office, the National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners, the Association of Policing & Crime Chief Executives (APACE) and the LGA as appropriate.

The NAPFCP membership subscription for the first year was agreed at £500. The Essex PFCP, as the lead authority for the NAPFCP Chairman will handle the associations operating accounts and be responsible for the generation of subscription invoices as appropriate. The Association has a Treasurer, Paul Cain who was appointed at the inaugural meeting.

The NAPFCP Terms of Reference were agreed as:

- ❖ To provide a forum for collaborative discussion of issues relating to and impacting on Police and Crime Panels and Police, Fire and Crime Panels (PCPs / PFCPs)
- ❖ To share ideas and experience in response to the expanding role of PCCs and PFCCs and thereby PCPs / PFCPs
- ❖ To create a mechanism for direct liaison between PCPs / PFCPs and the Home Office
- ❖ To provide an opportunity for dialogue with relevant bodies such as the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, Association of Police and Crime Chief Executives and others

- ❖ To support the development of joint PCP /PFCP responses to relevant consultations
- ❖ To promote professional standards
- ❖ To share good practice and create guidance and other supporting materials for PCPs /PFCPs
- ❖ To ensure stability and collective memory in a landscape where PCPs / PFCPs can have significant changes in membership
- ❖ To provide capacity for horizon scanning across all PCPs / PFCPs.
- ❖ To promote better public understanding of the role of PCPs / PFCPs.

Production of a NAPFCP constitution document will be undertaken by Dr Christopher Kemp, Norfolk PCP and supported by Carla Thomas, Merseyside PCP ready for the Frontline Consulting Annual Meeting of PCP / PFCP's in November 2018.

A subscription invoice will be sent to you shortly in the hope that your panel will agree to become a member. Should you have any questions relating to the formation of the Association or specific areas of interest that you believe should be addressed by the Association then feel free to contact Robert Fox or I, using the contact details given within this letter.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting with many of you as time permits during the year.

Yours sincerely,



John Gili-Ross

Chairman - National Association of Police Fire and Crime Panels

National Association of Police Fire and Crime Panel - Membership

The following PCP's / PFCP's confirmed their commitment to become NAPFCP members at the inaugural meeting held on 19th April 2018:

Bedfordshire - NAPFCP Treasurer Paul Cain

Cleveland

Derbyshire

Dorset - NAPFCP Vice Chair John Adams

Essex - NAPFCP Chairman John Gili-Ross

Hertfordshire

Kent and Medway

Merseyside

Norfolk

Northamptonshire

Northumbria

Nottinghamshire

South Yorkshire

Sussex

West Midlands

West Yorkshire - NAPFCP Vice Chair Alison Lowe

The following panels also sent representatives to the meeting but at that time they did not have the delegated powers to commit their panel to membership of the Association.

Lancashire

Leicestershire

North Wales

Staffordshire

Warwickshire