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**Consultation on Proposal for 'Complaints about Police and
Crime Commissioners'**

Recommendation

1. **It is recommended that the Panel:**
 - a) **consider the content of the consultation document and note that a response is requested by the LGA by the end of January 2016; and**
 - b) **make suggestions about what they wish to include in the response.**

Purpose

2. To consider the consultation ' Complaints about Police and Crime Commissioners' and feedback any comments for inclusion in a response.

Background

3. The Chairman received a letter from Minister Mike Penning regarding the consultation. The letter included a link to the consultation which had been launched by the Government on 17 December 2015.
4. The consultation seeks views on the complaints process for police and crime panels when seeking to resolve non-serious (ie non-criminal) complaints made against a police and crime commissioner.
5. The consultation proposes to:
 - Clarify what constitutes a complaint
 - Give PCPs powers to appoint an independent investigator to investigate complaints
 - Clarify the powers that PCPs have to make recommendations following a complaint.
6. The consultation document can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/complaints-about-pccs>

Response

7. The final deadline for responding to the consultation is 10 March, however The LGA will submit a response to the consultation and would therefore welcome any comments on the proposals by the end of January 2016.
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Supporting Documents

- Letter from Mike Penning