Article 15 – Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel

13.1 Composition of the Panel

The Panel comprises 10 Councillors representing the County Council, the Derbyshire District and Borough Councils and Derby City Council. Additional councillors may be co-opted onto the Panel.

13.2 Terms of Reference

1. To review the draft police and crime plan, or draft variation, given to the Panel by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Panel must make a report or recommendations on the draft plan or variation to the Commissioner.

2. To review the annual report and make a report or recommendations on the report to the Commissioner. The Panel is to arrange a public meeting at which they ask the Commissioner questions, as appropriate, on the annual report.

3. To hold a confirmation hearing and review, make a report, and recommendation in respect of proposed senior appointments made by the Police and Crime Commissioner. This includes:

   (a) the Commissioner’s Chief Executive;
   (b) the Commissioner’s Chief Finance Officer;
   (c) a Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner; and
   (d) the Chief Constable.

   The Panel has the power to veto the appointment of the Chief Constable.

4. To review and make a report and recommendations (as necessary) on the proposed precept. The Panel has the power to veto the proposed precept.

5. To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the Police and Crime Commissioner in connection with the discharge of the Commissioner’s functions.

6. To make reports or recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner with respect to the discharge of the Commissioner’s functions.
7. To support the effective exercise of the functions of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

8. To fulfil functions in relation to complaints about conduct matters, in accordance with the responsibilities accorded to the Panel by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the Act).

9. To appoint an Acting Police and Crime Commissioner if necessary.

10. To suspend the Police and Crime Commissioner if it appears to the Panel that the Commissioner has been charged with a relevant offence (as defined by the Act).

11. To exercise any other functions delegated to the Police and Crime Panel under the Act, as required.