

ITEM 10

JOINT INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMITTEE

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 3 MARCH 2025 AT 09:30AM IN
COMMITTEE ROOM D, COUNTY HALL

Professional Standards Department Scrutiny Panel

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Joint Independent Ethics Committee is requested to consider a refreshed Terms of Reference for the Professional Standards Department Scrutiny Panel, which reflect the changes made in consultation with Committee Members. The changes reflect this is a joint arrangement and provides the ability for case sampling activity.

Members are asked to acknowledge the name change and agree to the Terms of Reference.

Appendix A refers.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Professional Standards Department Scrutiny Panel held its first meeting on the 8th July 2024. Following this meeting, it became evident that the arrangements required some amendment to ensure it could be as effective as possible.
- 1.2 Following a review of the previously agreed Terms of Reference, meetings took place between the OPCC and Lancashire Constabulary colleagues to discuss its remit and scope. Consequently, an adapted Terms of Reference were presented to the Professional Standards Department Scrutiny Panel for comments. This process resulted in an adapted name for the Panel to reflect this joint arrangement.
- 1.3 At this meeting some additional views were expressed and have been factored in to this final draft.
- 1.4 The Terms of Reference are submitted to the parent Committee for approval.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider and agree the refreshed Terms of Reference.