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PART 3

POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS

Functions of PCSPs and DPCSPs

Functions of PCSP

21.—(1) The functions of a PCSP shall be—

(a) to provide views to a relevant district commander and to the Policing Board on any matter concerning the policing of the district;

(b) to monitor the performance of the police in carrying out—

(i) the policing plan in relation to the district; and

(ii) the local policing plan applying to the district or any part of the district;

(c) to make arrangements for obtaining the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime and enhancing community safety in the district;

(d) to make arrangements for obtaining the views of the public about matters concerning the policing of the district and enhancing community safety in the district and to consider fully any views so obtained;

(e) to act as a general forum for discussion and consultation on matters affecting the policing of the district and enhancing community safety in the district;

(f) to prepare plans for reducing crime and enhancing community safety in the district;

(g) to identify targets or other indicators by reference to which it can assess the extent to which those issues are addressed by action taken in accordance with any such plans;

(h) to provide any such financial or other support as it considers appropriate to persons involved in ventures designed to reduce crime or enhance community safety in the district; and

(i) such other functions as are conferred on it by any other statutory provision.

(2) The functions of a PCSP mentioned in subsection (1)(a), (b) and (c)—

(a) are referred to in this Part as its "restricted functions"; and

(b) must be exercised, on behalf of the PCSP, by the policing committee of the PCSP.

(3) References in this section to enhancing community safety in any district are to making the district one in which it is, and is perceived to be, safer to live and work, in particular by the reduction of actual and perceived levels of crime and other anti-social behaviour.

(4) In exercising its functions, a PCSP shall have regard to the code of practice under section 23.

Commencement Information

I1 S. 21 in operation at 1.4.2012 by S.R. 2012/142, **art. 2(a)**

Functions of DPCSP

22.—(1) The functions of a DPCSP shall be—

(a) to provide views to the relevant district commander and to the principal PCSP on any matter concerning the policing of the police district;

(b) to monitor the performance of the police in carrying out—

(i) the policing plan in relation to the police district; and

(ii) the local policing plan applying to the police district;

(c) to make arrangements for obtaining the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime and enhancing community safety in the police district;

(d) to make arrangements for obtaining the views of the public about matters concerning the policing of the police district and enhancing community safety in the police district and to consider fully any views so obtained;

(e) to act as a general forum for discussion and consultation on matters affecting the policing of the police district and enhancing community safety in the police district;

(f) to prepare plans for reducing crime and enhancing community safety in the police district;

(g) to identify targets or other indicators by reference to which it can assess the extent to which those issues are addressed by action taken in accordance with any such plans;

(h) to provide any such financial or other support as it considers appropriate to persons involved in ventures designed to reduce crime or enhance community safety in the police district;

(i) such other functions as are conferred on it by any other statutory provision.

(2) The functions of a DPCSP mentioned in subsection (1)(a), (b) and (c)—

(a) are referred to in this Part as its "restricted functions"; and

(b) must be exercised, on behalf of the DPCSP, by the policing committee of the DPCSP.

(3) References in this section to enhancing community safety in a police district are to making the police district one in which it is, and is perceived to be, safer to live and work, in particular by the reduction of actual and perceived levels of crime and other anti-social behaviour.

(4) In exercising its functions, a DPCSP shall have regard to the code of practice under section 23.

(5) If the principal PCSP is satisfied that a DPCSP is carrying out any of the DPCSP's functions in relation to a police district, the PCSP is not required to carry out any corresponding function it has in relation to the part of its district comprising the police district.

(6) But subsection (5) does not prevent the principal PCSP exercising its functions in relation to the whole of the district where it appears to the principal PCSP to be necessary or appropriate to do so.

Commencement Information

I2 S. 22 in operation at 1.4.2012 by S.R. 2012/142, **art. 2(a)**

Code of practice for PCSPs and DPCSPs

23.—(1) The joint committee shall issue, and may from time to time revise, a code of practice containing guidance as to the exercise by PCSPs and DPCSPs of their functions.

(2) Before issuing or revising a code of practice under this section the joint committee shall consult—

(a) district councils; and

(b) the Chief Constable.

(3) The code of practice under this section may in particular include provisions concerning—

(a) the procedures for meetings;

(b) the holding of public meetings;

(c) the arrangements for giving notice of meetings, and in particular for the giving of such notice to district commanders and to the public;

(d) the arrangements for the submission by or to a PCSP, a DPCSP or a policing committee of reports and other documents;

(e) the arrangements for enabling questions on the discharge by police officers of their functions in the district to be put by members of the policing committee for answer by the relevant district commander or a police officer nominated by that district commander for the purpose;

(f) the arrangements for the monitoring by the policing committee of the performance of the police in carrying out—

(i) the policing plan in relation to the district; and

(ii) the local policing plan applying to the district or any part of the district;

(g) the arrangements to be made under section 21(1)(c) and (d) and 22(1)(c) and (d);

(h) the arrangements for dealings with the Policing Board, the Department and the joint committee.

(4) The joint committee shall arrange for any code of practice issued or revised under this section to be published in such manner as appears to it to be appropriate.

(5) In its application to a DPCSP, this section has effect with the substitution for references to the district of references to the police district.

Commencement Information

I3 S. 23 in operation at 1.4.2012 by S.R. 2012/142, **art. 2(a)**

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